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An honour is not diminished for being shared
LOIS McMASTER

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British mother of two Alison Hargreaves, 33, becomes the first woman to conquer Everest without oxygen or sherpas' help. She was the second person to summit the mountain unaided.

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What was the alarming aspect of this modern art exhibition?
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CRIME

Sex offender jailed for strangling nurse

A convicted sex offender who raped and strangled a nurse before setting fire to her house has been jailed for life. Leroy Campbell, 56, admitted the murder of 37-year-old Lisa Skidmore, arson with intent to endanger life, and the attempted murder of his victim's mother at Birmingham Crown Court. He had previously spent 17 years in prison for burglary and indecent assault.

THEFT

Rowling: 'Don't buy stolen Potter story'

JK Rowling has urged fans not to buy a copy of a *Harry Potter* prequel, handwritten on a post card, after reports that the manuscript had been stolen. The anonymous owner of the 800-word piece bought the work at auction in 2008, raising £25,000 for charity. Burglars broke into the man's home in Birmingham last month.
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COURT

British extremist 'tried to join Isis'

An extremist who paid an undercover officer as part of an attempt to join Isis in Syria will face sentencing by a court this year. Ghulam Hussain, 30, from Batley, West Yorkshire, admitted to two terrorist offences after preparing to join the Islamist group. Hussain was arrested in November 2016 following an investigation by the North East Counter Terrorism Unit.

NORWAY

Briton hurt as yacht hit by helicopter

A 57-year-old British man is in a critical condition after a helicopter crashed into a superyacht in Norway. Two other British men, aged 53 and 62, were injured after the aircraft attempted to land on the 60-metre vessel. However, the helicopter went out of control when a tarpaulin got entangled in its rotors as it tried to manoeuvre the risky landing near Bergen.
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SOUTH KOREA

Plan for state history books scrapped

New South Korean President Moon Jae-in has scrapped a controversial plan to introduce state-issued history textbooks at schools, erasing a key policy of his ousted conservative predecessor Park Geun-hye. Mr Moon's order to the education ministry was based on his "firm will" that history education should not be politicised, the presidential Blue House said.

CHARITY

101-year-old tries for skydiving record

A 101-year-old man is attempting to break the world record for skydiving. Bryson Verduin Hayes, a D-Day veteran from Devon, will take the 10,000ft skydive with his family to raise money for charity. The world record is held by the 101-year-old Armand Gendreau. Mr Hayes said: "Actually I wanted to do it 10 years ago but I got talked out of it. But I was determined."

FRANCE

British student told to forget about EU job

A British student studying in Paris has been told that getting a job with EU bodies will be "out of the question" when the UK leaves the bloc. Sara Roebuck, studying a double masters in European politics at Sciences Po Paris and the London School of Economics, was at a careers event in Brussels to look at job prospects in institutions such as the European Parliament.

UNITED STATES

Sessions calls for tougher charges

US Attorney General Jeff Sessions has directed federal prosecutors to pursue the most serious charges possible against the majority of suspects. The move is a reversal of Obama-era policies that is sure to send more people to prison and for much longer terms. "This policy affirms our responsibility to enforce the law, is moral and just, and produces consistency," he said.

SHOPPING

Morrisons comes last in consumer poll

Richer Sounds and Toolstation have been voted the UK's best high street shops and Morrisons the worst in an annual survey of consumers. The grocer Morrisons came in at 100th place with a satisfaction score of 53 per cent in the Which? poll. In contrast, Toolstation and Richer Sounds achieved 80 per cent, the second year in top position for the DIY store and a rise from joint third place for the electrical chain.

SOUTH AFRICA

ANC can be beaten 'if parties join forces'

South Africa's opposition leader, Mmusi Maimane, has claimed his Democratic Alliance could win the 2019 election with the help of other parties as the African National Congress becomes increasingly divided under President Jacob Zuma. The ANC has comfortably won every election since it swept to power under Nelson Mandela at the end of apartheid in 1994.



iQuiz

BY JOHN CLARKE

1. In military terms what do the initials IED refer to?
2. What 1881 Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera satirised the aesthetic movement and its colourful poets?
3. Which Russian peak is considered to be Europe's highest mountain?
4. "Dance of the Knights", written by Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev for his 1935 ballet *Romeo And Juliet* is has been used as the theme music for which popular TV reality show?
5. What is the name of the single shot weapon designed to temporarily incapacitate a suspect through the use of an electrical current?
6. Which successful Formula One team was founded by a New Zealand racing car designer, driver and engineer who died at the age of 32 in 1970?
7. Which model and future wife of singer Billy Joel (inset) appeared in the video of his hit "Uptown Girl"?
8. What George Bernard Shaw play forms the basis of the musical *My Fair Lady*?
9. Which US baseball player was famous for such phrases as "It ain't over till it's over" and "Ninety per cent of baseball is mental; the other half is physical"?
10. Which card game uses a wooden board with pegs for keeping track of the score?



Answers on page 16

D.R. CONGO

Two people die in fresh Ebola outbreak

Health authorities are investigating nine suspected cases of Ebola in a remote corner of the Democratic Republic of Congo, including two deaths, the country's health minister said yesterday. One Ebola case has been confirmed out of the five tested since the cluster emerged 22 April in Bas-Uele province. Oly Ilunga Kalenga said the confirmed case was of the Zaire strain. A new Ebola vaccine will be used in the region.

VENEZUELA

Grandparents march against Maduro

Thousands of elderly Venezuelans have joined protests against the socialist government called by the country's opposition coalition. The protest billed as the "March of the Grandparents" comes after six weeks of demonstrations against the embattled government of President Nicolas Maduro. Lines of police officers blocked the route of the march in Caracas yesterday.



Newspapers support recycling
The recycled content of UK newspapers in 2015 was 71%

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ThePage3ProfileJEAN AND PAUL HIGSON,
LUCKY COUPLE**What a find...**

Indeed, Jan Higson, a 49-year-old primary school teacher, said she was "stunned" after discovering her husband's lost wedding ring hiding among the rocks of the Sands of Wright in Orkney.

I wouldn't want to have been in Paul's shoes.

It was far from his proudest moment. It took two months for the 60-year-old Paul to admit to his wife what had happened and that the ring was missing. Understandably, the pair assumed that was that. "Paul walks in various places in Orkney mainland, so we had given up," Ms Higson said.

**Are you sure it was his?**

Having kept it firmly on his finger for 25 years, Mr Higson, who is a keen birdwatcher and environmentalist, said he had no idea how he lost it, but after his wife found it, he knew it was his right away. "When you've worn it as long as I have, you just know. It fitted perfectly," he said.

And how on earth did Jan find it again?

Through nothing other than sheer luck. They were out walking their two dogs, Buddy and Rain, around the rocky shores when Ms Higson leaned down and saw the lost treasure. "I saw something metallic in the stones. I originally thought it was in the washer or something like that, but I moved one of the stones and pulled it out, and it was Paul's ring," she said.

You can't get luckier than that...

Probably not, but considering her good fortune so far, Ms Higson is now holding out hopes for the EuroMillions lottery.

Rachel Muller-Heyndyk

GOLF**Well, at least he stayed the course...**

Golfer Clifton McDonald began badly with a double bogey seven at Glencoe, Alabama, in a US Open qualifying event – and finished his round 55 shots over par, with a score of 127. Course director Andy Priest, however, praised him for completing his round. "I will say one thing, the gentleman played it out."

GERMANY**Late, overweight frigates await fate**

Germany's much-delayed new frigates, built by ThyssenKrupp and Luebsen for at least €650m (£551m) apiece, are overweight and float with a persistent list to starboard, according to a report. The ships are part of Germany's plans to beef up its military to face an uncertain European security landscape.

NEW ZEALAND**Kapa haka may prevent dementia**

Researchers at the university of Auckland are examining if performing the kapa haka helps stave off dementia. "Older Maori have substantial roles involving advanced cognitive activities and, along with kapa haka, cultural activities may provide cognitive stimulation," a researcher said.

CRIME**Sewer data to help flush out drug users**

Australia will use data from sewage to identify hot spots for illegal drug use. The data will be used to target areas where job seekers will be forced to undergo drug tests to receive welfare payments. A trial period showed that drug use is more prevalent per head of population in rural Queensland than in the cities.

Letter from
the Editor**Oliver Duff**

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**Cyber attack proves how unprepared we are**

The NHS has a proud history of balling up major IT projects.

In recent years, however, it has faced a new threat – one familiar to major corporations and government institutions around the world.

Ransomware cyber attacks lock a computer and demand payment to allow access again. These have sometimes been indiscriminate and on occasion specifically targeted the NHS. Health chiefs have been repeatedly warned that hospitals are vulnerable, including on this paper's front page seven months ago.

Yesterday, many tens of thousands of medics performed scenes normally seen in hysterical action movies, as they were ordered to shut down all PCs, rip out network cables, unplug phones and await further instructions.

With no access to patient records, appointment schedules, prescriptions, emails or even internal phone lines, some hospitals and GP surgeries ground to a halt, unable to accept incoming calls, diverting ambulances and urging patients not to visit A&E.

Furious doctors raged about delayed emergency care and lives needlessly endangered. Some enterprising family doctors resorted to pen and paper. Health trusts rallied round to help each other cope with the fallout.

But if you want a flavour of how we would all cope in the face of a major cyber strike – something on a scale far beyond yesterday's, significant though that was – then the omens are not wildly encouraging.

This is the largest such strike on the NHS but it is not the first. There'll be an inquest this weekend among Britain's cyber spooks. (GCHQ published an unfortunately timed limerick on social media yesterday, as the attack unfolded.)

The National Cyber Security Centre and NHS Digital must act urgently to address NHS cyber security – starting with replacing obsolete, unsupported systems (Windows XP!!) – before patient data is compromised. **Twitter: @olyduff**

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TECHNOLOGY

Patients turned away after NHS is attacked by cyber criminals

By Dean Kirby

Hospitals were forced to turn thousands of patients away yesterday as the NHS was targeted by an unprecedented cyber attack.

Ambulances were diverted, A&E departments urged people to stay away, appointments were cancelled and phones and other equipment were knocked out as hospitals were thrown into turmoil by the hack.

Health chiefs declared a major incident as up to 40 hospital trusts and other NHS bodies in England, and some in Scotland, fell victim to a global "ransomware" attack.

It was part of a worldwide attack by cyber criminals, with security experts reporting 36,000 similar attacks in up to 74 countries including Spain, Italy, China, Russia and Vietnam. They said the hackers had used software stolen from the US National Security Agency.

Theresa May said last night that the massive cyber hit on the NHS was part of a wider international attack and there was no evidence that patient data was compromised.

She said: "This is not targeted at the NHS, it's an international attack and a number of countries and organisations have been affected."

"The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is working closely with NHS Digital to ensure they support the organisations concerned and that they protect patient safety."

"We are not aware of any evidence that patient data has been compromised," she added.

NHS computers were hit simul-

Around the country How Trusts were affected

St Bart's Health Trust in London said it had implemented a major incident plan and cancelled routine appointments as delays hit all four of its hospitals - The Royal London, St Bartholomew's, Whipps Cross and Newham.

Derbyshire Community Health Services said it was aware of a "major IT secure system attack".

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Trust urged patients: "Please don't attend A&E unless it's an emergency."

United Lincolnshire Hospitals



St Bart's Health Trust in London cancelled routine appointments

taneously with a pop-up message demanding a ransom of \$300 in exchange for access in order to restore their files.

Some trusts had telephone systems knocked out of action and, in other cases, diagnostics equipment was affected. Staff were forced to revert to pen and paper and use their own mobiles.

NHS Trust said it was cancelling outpatient, endoscopy, cardiology and radiology appointments.

On Merseyside, the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital announced that outpatient appointments today would be cancelled.

The George Eliot hospital in Nuneaton said it had closed down several of its IT systems "as a precaution" and said patients should only go to A&E if critical.

The NHS clinical commissioning group in Blackpool said patients should avoid walk-in centres unless "absolutely necessary".

North Cumbria was also hit hard, with patients asked to stay at home except in emergencies and staff at GP surgeries asked to turn off their computers.

NHS Lanarkshire said only patients requiring emergency treatment should attend hospital.

NHS Tayside said 10 GP practices in the region, which were not using an NHS Tayside IT system, had been affected.

Dr Anne Rainsberry, NHS incident director, said: "We ask people to use the NHS wisely while we deal with this major incident, which is still ongoing."

Hospital trusts in London, Blackpool, Hertfordshire and Derbyshire were among those hit, with pictures posted on social media showing screens with the words: "Ooops, your files have been encrypted."

NHS Digital said the attack used malware called "Wanna Decryptor" - malicious software that exhorts cash by withholding files.

It said there was no evidence that patient data has been accessed and it was working with the NCSC and the Department of Health to protect patients' safety.

Wales was unaffected, but the incident spread to Scotland. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Dumfries and Galloway and NHS Forth Valley said some of their GP surgeries had been caught up.

The NCSC said it was aware of a "cyber incident" and was working with NHS Digital and the National Crime Agency to investigate.

The Patients' Association condemned those behind the cyber attack, but said lessons from earlier incidents had not been learnt.

INVESTIGATION



Half of UK hospitals may have been hit by 'ransomware'

Investigation found higher number of potential victims. By **Conrad Landin**

At least 30 NHS trusts are known to have fallen victim to "ransomware" attacks in the past, but an investigation revealed that the number could be far higher, with as many as half of Britain's hospitals caught by the threat.

Up to four of the incidents were considered serious enough to be reported as a potential breach of data protection or confidentiality laws.

Ransomware is a form of attack software which encrypts data on a computer into nonsense, with a ransom demanded in exchange for restoring the victim's files. Penalties are paid in untraceable currencies such as Bitcoin and averages £350 to £700, but can be much higher. One estimate suggests the extortion racket is worth £300m a year.

Twenty hospitals contacted said they had followed advice from police and lawyers and took the decision to

pay no money to the blackmailers. But the remaining eight declined to comment on the matter at the time of the investigation last October.

The health sector is seen by cyber crooks, many of them based in Eastern Europe, as a lucrative target due to the value of health records.

In 2016, a large American hospital, the Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Centre in Los Angeles, paid \$17,000 (£13,200) to unlock data which had been encrypted in an attack which left its computer systems wholly or partly inaccessible for 10 days.

The hospital's management opted to pay the ransom, saying to do so was "in the best interests of normal operations". It underlined that no patient records were compromised.

Such is the sensitivity around the issue of ransomware that the vast majority of NHS trusts either refused to provide any information or did not respond. But of those that

Rhyme scene GCHQ's untimely limerick

GCHQ, the agency officially responsible for providing information assurance to the Government, posted a tweet in limerick form that boasted of "keeping Britain safe" - just as the NHS fell victim to a cyber-atta ck.

In a classic example of bad timing, the agency attempted to take part in National Limerick Day, alongside thousands of social media users.

GCHQ's effort failed the traditional standards of rhythm and rhyme, but in an accompanying message, the official Twitter account said: "It's a good job we're better at keeping Britain safe than writing limericks."

A Twitter user quipped: "It seems you are actually better at limericks."

The account later retweeted a message from the National Cyber



Security Centre, part of GCHQ, saying it was "aware of cyber incident" and was working with NHS Digital and the National Crime Agency to investigate.

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Files are encrypted.

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Days to submit the payment. After that the price will be paid in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files.

Events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay.

Payment in Bitcoin only. For more information, click <About Bitcoin> to see the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click <Check Payment>. Best time to check: 9:00am.

did, around one in two confirmed they had been targeted.

Ollie Whitehouse, technical director of NCC Group, the internet security company which obtained the data, said: "We have seen a 400 per cent increase in these attacks. The health service is by no means alone in facing this kind of attack. But NHS trusts are being increasingly targeted and any loss of patient data would be a nightmare scenario. Like everyone else, they need to be applying robust controls."

NHS Digital unveiled a programme in 2015 designed to help trusts defend against attacks, including an emergency response team to halt and limit any damage by security breaches. Individual

NHS trusts are being increasingly targeted and any loss of data would be a nightmare scenario

trusts remain responsible for safeguarding their data but they are obliged to report to NHS Digital any serious incidents which may include a breach of data protection or confidentiality rules.

When asked by *i* to disclose how many serious ransomware attacks had occurred, the NHS declined to provide precise figures, saying only that it was "fewer than five".

There was also a failed attempt in the autumn to access one of the health service's "national systems" with ransomware. NHS Digital said at the time that the attack, part of an assault on multiple organisations, may have been state sponsored.

Internet security company McAfee has said a total of \$100,000 had been paid by hospitals around the world targeted by ransomware in the first three months of 2016. A survey by the company found 20 separate attacks on hospitals in America, Britain, Australia, Germany, Canada and South Korea.

But attacks are by no means confined to hospitals. British universities and local authorities are among the other public sector bodies receiving ransomware attacks. According to one study, at least 23 universities were targeted in the last year, receiving demands of up to £2,200.

PATIENTS

'I was ready then surgeon said we've been hacked'

By Conrad Landin

Patrick Ward (*below*), a salesman from Dorset, was due to have open-heart surgery at St Barts hospital in London yesterday. The procedure, known as a septal myectomy, involves taking out part of the septum to remove an obstruction to the flow of blood within the heart.

His daughter had travelled down from Liverpool, and other family members from Dorset had accompanied him to London.

But while waiting for his operation, he was told "there had been a cyber-attack and they could no longer do the operation".

"I was all canulated up," he told the BBC. "My arms had been shaved. I was all ready to go, nil by mouth since the morning. And then at half-past one the surgeon turned up and said unfortunately we've been hacked."

"What they were concerned about was the blood situation, if I needed a blood transfusion they wouldn't be able to allocate the correct type of blood."

His situation was further complicated by the fact that his doctor only treats Mr Ward's type of non-life-threatening heart condition once a week: on Fridays.

He said he had been waiting for his operation for "many, many months now". He has now been told to expect a call next week with further information.

After learning of the extent and reach of the cyber-attacks, he asked: "Why would anybody want to hack a hospital?"

Another patient whose treatment was delayed by the attack was Richard Harvey, who spoke of his disappointment as he went home in a wheelchair from the Royal London Hospital after waiting all day for a procedure that was eventually postponed.

He had been fasting all day and limiting his water intake ahead of the operation, he said.

The 50-year-old, who suffered injuries to his hip in a motorcycle accident three years ago, said: "At 10 to five, I said to a nurse, 'This is a bit late for an operation', and she said, 'There's been a cyber-attack', and I said, 'Well, go and check'."

"She went away and came back and said that was it."

He added: "I am quite a nervous person when it comes to things like this. I was quite disappointed and hungry."

"I would have liked them to come up a bit earlier and say it has been cancelled. I could have had something to drink a lot earlier."



NORTHERN IRELAND

Bloody Sunday soldiers could face charges

By Michael McHugh

Eighteen British soldiers are facing charges for their involvement in the Bloody Sunday shootings in Northern Ireland.

Prosecutors are considering bringing a range of charges against the men, including murder, attempted murder and lying under oath.

Thirteen people died when members of the Parachute Regiment opened fire on civil rights demonstrators in Londonderry in 1972. A 14th person died later.

All those killed were later pronounced innocent by a public inquiry led by Lord Saville, and then-prime minister David Cameron said the killings were unjustified and unjustifiable. The soldiers have been referred to by letters of the alphabet allocated to them at the time of the Saville inquiry.

Prosecution of soldiers from Northern Ireland's 30-year conflict is deeply controversial. Campaigners for those killed on Bloody Sunday demand justice for what they regard as an atrocity. But opponents believe it is wrong to drag the soldiers through the courts when they were acting on behalf of the British authorities, especially when it is perceived that several IRA terrorists were given protection from prosecution as part of the peace process.

John Kelly's 17-year-old brother

Michael was among those killed. He said nearly all the Bloody Sunday relatives supported prosecutions.

Gregory Campbell, Democratic Unionist general election candidate in East Londonderry, said 90 per cent of the deaths in the Troubles were by paramilitaries yet the balance of investigations is disproportionately against former police officers and soldiers. He said: "Such a one-sided approach only serves those who want to rewrite the past."

A Public Prosecution Service spokesman said: "No prosecution decision has yet been taken in relation to these files and it is likely to be some time before any decision."

In January, a pro-military rally was organised by Justice for Northern Ireland Veterans to highlight what it alleges is a legal witch-hunt against security members who served during the Troubles. One-third of cases which the Director of Public Prosecutions referred to police relate to Troubles incidents involving security force members.

i Prosecutors in Northern Ireland have pursued five times more prosecutions against alleged paramilitaries than soldiers in the past five years, the Public Prosecution Service has disclosed.

IRELAND



The Duchess of Cornwall and Prince of Wales pay their respects in Dublin PA

Prince Charles honours Irish dead

By Deborah McAleese

The Prince of Wales has paid tribute to those who fought for Irish freedom in the 1916 Easter Rising.

Prince Charles said it was important to honour the memory of "men and women from all sides whose sacrifice shaped our shared history".

He had earlier laid a wreath

at a memorial in Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin in memory of all those who died in the 1916 rebellion. He and the Duchess of Cornwall, took part in a ceremony at the Necrology Wall, which bears the names of those who died - Irish and British.

Prince Charles also expressed his condolences over the Sinn Féin politician Martin McGuinness's death.



How *i* revealed NHS trusts being held to ransom by hackers in October 2016



Time for a sharp Brexit

Political campaigner Gina Miller arrives at Westminster Central Hall yesterday for the start of a two-day 'post-Brexit' public debate in London, which ends today. GETTY IMAGES

POLLS

Sharp drop in Northern Ireland candidates

By Sam McBride

Voters in Northern Ireland are facing a slump in the number of candidates they can vote for as the smaller parties struggle to find the money to contest seats.

There has been a 20 per cent drop in the number of candidates standing in the general election in Northern Ireland, which has already gone to the polls this year in an unscheduled Assembly election and could face a second Assembly poll before the year is out.

In 2015, 138 candidates contested the 18 seats. This time that has fallen to 109. Sinn Féin, the SDLP and the Alliance Party are still contesting every seat, while the DUP stands in the vast majority of constituencies.

However, the number of candidates from smaller parties or independents has fallen. Even the Ulster Unionist Party – the party which built Northern Ireland almost a century ago – is contesting only 11 constituencies.

The Conservative Party had 16 candidates in 2015 – one of whom polled just 34 votes; this time it has seven, while the Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV) party put up 10 candidates last time but now is fielding just one.

Last week the TUV, the hardline offshoot of the DUP which has one MLA in the Stormont Assembly, explicitly accepted that it was not in a financial position to contest most seats. Announcing that it was standing just one candidate, the party said: "With the possibility of another Assembly election in the coming months we have made a strategic decision to preserve our resources."

BREXIT

Blair: UK-Irish border deal vital

By Ed Carty

Tony Blair (*below*) has said a deal between the UK and Ireland on the future of the border with Northern Ireland is the best way of limiting damage from Brexit.

The former Prime Minister told a meeting in the Irish Republic of Europe's centre-right political groups that a "hard border" on the island would be a disaster.

"If the UK and the Republic were able to agree a way forward on the border, then we would have the best chance of limiting the damage. It is in the interests of us all, including our European partners, for this to happen," Mr Blair said.

He said getting consensus on the border will be vital for the success of the Brexit negotiations.

GENDER

After decades of gains, 2017 may not be such a good year for women

By Richard Vaughan

The number of women MPs is expected to flatline in the next parliament, with just one more anticipated to be elected than in 2015.

According to an analysis of general election candidates by the women's equality charity the Fawcett Society, just 30 per cent are women.

Come election night just 197 of 650 MPs will be women, according to the estimates – the same proportion as before the election. Only one more woman will sit on the green benches than before the election was called, a rise of less than 1 per cent.

This is despite both of the larger parties seeing slight improvements. Labour is fielding 41 per cent female candidates, while the Conservatives are putting forward 29 per cent.

The research, by the independent consultant Giselle Cory using Electoral Calculus's seat-by-seat prediction, shows 25 per cent of elected Tory MPs will be women, compared with 21 per cent before the election, and with 32 more women MPs, taking their total to 102.

It is expected that 46 per cent of Labour MPs will be women, up from 44 per cent before the election, but with fewer seats overall, meaning they will have 27 fewer women MPs.

In 2015, the Commons went from 22 per cent to 29 per cent women.

The proportion of women MPs expected to be returned means the UK

looks stagnant because Labour MPs are losing their seats.

"As we approach the centenary of women first getting to vote in general elections, it is a terrible indictment of our democracy that we are stuck at 30 per cent of women in Parliament."

The figures were lamented by Baroness Anne Jenkin, who – along with the Prime Minister – founded the Tory campaign group Women-2Win, in an effort to get more female representation in Westminster.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme yesterday, Baroness Jenkin said it was still a challenge to encourage women to run for office.

"Women are more risk averse, they like to be able to plan their careers, and this is a difficult career to plan," she said. "There's an anxiety about [the murdered Labour MP] Jo Cox and also social media bullying."

"But a lot of them do wait to be asked, they want the affirmation of someone tapping them on the shoulder and saying, 'You know, you would make a great MP'."

A separate study by *The Times* shows that the Tories have selected just five ethnic minority candidates to stand in their top 100 target seats.

Analysis

Number could even fall with Tory landslide

Barbara Speed



The 2017 general election could turn out to be historic in one sense, at least – a total flatlining in the number of female MPs, who make up less than a third of the Commons.

In the 2015 election, the Commons gained 48 female MPs on its 2010 total. This year, according to predictions by the Fawcett Society, it could increase by just one. And if the Conservatives enjoy the landslide they're hoping for by winning in previously Labour seats, the number could well fall: the party is fielding only 29 per cent female candidates to Labour's 41 per cent. It will be a sad whimper after the brilliant uptick we saw in 2015.

One issue is timing. The SNP is fielding only 33 per cent female candidates, and one candidate, Kirsty Blackman, argued to the BBC that the short run-up meant "less time to reach out to candidates from non-traditional backgrounds".

Does it matter? Equal representation in politics has long been seen as a key part of wider equality. And a study by the Fawcett Society released earlier this week showed that there's a distinct voting gender gap: 2.5 per cent fewer women are registered to vote than men.

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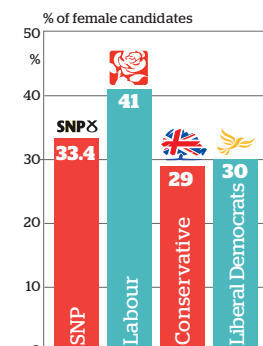
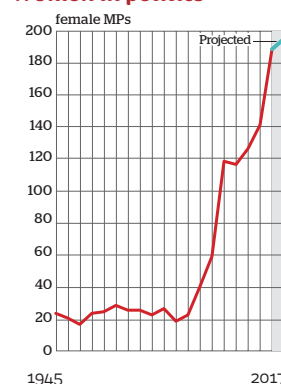
is still languishing at number 47 in the world for women's representation in national parliaments.

In January, MPs on the Women and Equalities Committee recommended that political parties should face fines if they do not ensure at least 45 per cent of general election candidates are female.

Sam Smethers, chief executive of the Fawcett Society, said the election would undo much of the work to get more women in Parliament.

"Unfortunately, despite the strides made at this election by the Conservatives, overall the situation

Women in politics



Source: BBC



Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh said the investigation relates to administrative matters during her time as a solicitor GETTY



SCOTLAND

SNP candidate faces Law Society inquiry

By Chris Green
SCOTLAND EDITOR

An SNP election candidate is being investigated by Scotland's legal watchdog in relation to alleged professional misconduct during her previous career as a solicitor.

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh, who won the Ochil and South Perthshire seat for the SNP in 2015, is the subject of an investigation by the Law

Society Scotland. The SNP said it related to "administrative matters" during her time as a partner at the Glasgow law firm Hamilton Burns, which she helped to set up in 2001.

The SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon immediately faced calls to suspend Ms Ahmed-Sheikh, but said she had "absolute confidence" in her as a candidate and that she would contest the seat as planned.

Ms Ahmed-Sheikh said: "I'm

proud of my 17-year career in the legal profession. I am aware that issues have been raised with the Law Society in relation to administrative matters during my time at my former firm. The Law Society has a duty to uphold professional standards and they must be allowed to do so without prejudice."

An SNP spokesman added that Ms Ahmed-Sheikh was co-operating "fully" with the investigation.

UKIP

Ukip to contest fewer seats than the Greens 'to help Brexiteers'

By Ian Jones

Ukip is fielding candidates in just over half of seats at the general election, a big drop on 2015 when the party contested almost every constituency in the UK.

After contesting just one seat in March's Northern Ireland Assembly election, Ukip is not running a single candidate in Northern Ireland on 8 June.

Some 377 Ukip candidates are standing in next month's poll, according to the Press Association's provisional full list of party nominations.

A total of 650 seats will be up for grabs in the election, 637 of which are being contested by the Conservatives, 631 by Labour and 629 by the Liberal Democrats. The Green Party is standing in 468, while the SNP and Plaid Cymru are contesting all seats in Scotland and Wales respectively.

Ukip's total of 377 represents a fall of 247 on the number they contested in the 2015 general election. The Greens are down by 105.

Both parties say they have deliberately withdrawn candidates from certain battleground seats to try to influence the outcome. The Greens

have said they are standing aside in 22 constituencies to help broadly left-wing parties beat the Conservatives, including Hastings & Rye – the seat of Home Secretary Amber Rudd – and a number of marginal seats in London.

Ukip is not competing where it believes other pro-Brexit candidates have a better chance of winning.

The party leader Paul Nuttall said: "Where branches have campaigned with candidates or MPs on Vote

Leave platforms or Leave EU platforms during the referendum... and they are convinced they are real Brexiteers, then they would have taken a decision to stand down to ensure we get as many Brexit MPs into the House of Commons.

"I think it is a very noble thing to do, to put country above party."

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Constituencies where the Greens have stepped aside to make way for broadly left-wing parties

i On general election day in 2010, Nigel Farage tried to fly a Ukip banner from a two-seater plane. But the plane crashed after the banner became caught in its tail. Mr Farage suffered broken ribs and a punctured lung.

PARLIAMENT

Candidate runs campaign marathon

By Serina Sandhu

The campaign trail can be relentless. But one eager candidate simply can't get enough.

Chris Foote Wood (inset), 76, is standing in his 44th election. Undeterred by losing out in the mayoral election in Tees Valley last week, the writer, lecturer and actor is now standing as the Liberal Democrat candidate for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland.

The brother of the late actress Victoria Wood told **i** that he loves



working so much that he didn't even take a break between the mayoral election and beginning his campaign for Parliament. "When do I take a break? When we had the [mayoral] count and I had my non-victory speech, I said at the end, 'I'm ready, willing and able to fight a seat, if anyone wants me, then can come and get me'."

"And they did," he adds, referring to the Liberal Democrats asking him to stand.

The race for the 2017 general election will be his ninth attempt at becoming an MP.

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LABOUR

Corbyn to create 'minister for peace' in fresh approach to British security

By Richard Vaughan

Labour will enshrine in law the "triple lock" commitment to raise pensions by at least 2.5 per cent every year. The policy was introduced under David Cameron and means pensions increase in line with average earnings, inflation or 2.5 per cent, whichever is the highest.

Theresa May has refused to commit to maintaining the triple lock and Jeremy Corbyn will seek to woo older voters by vowing to pass new legislation on the policy.

Meeting pensioners in Norwich today, Mr Corbyn will say: "The Conservatives' failure to guarantee a decent standard of living for older people, Tory cuts to social care and their failure to protect the NHS are proof that the Tories are abandoning older people."

"With more pensioners in poverty under the Conservatives, it is clear that a Labour government is necessary to provide a secure and dignified retirement for the many who have contributed all their lives."

"Labour will legislate to guarantee the triple lock on state pensions



Jeremy Corbyn outlines his policy in a major speech on defence and security in London yesterday GETTY

over the next parliament and we'll protect the winter fuel allowance and free bus passes."

The Lib Dems have also committed to keep the triple lock protection for state pensions. Unlike Labour, the party will strip wealthier pensioners of the winter fuel allowance, at a cost to them of up to £300 a year.

Yesterday, Mr Corbyn vowed

to create a minister for peace if he comes to power, as he warned that the country's defence policy required "fresh thinking".

Setting out his party's stance on defence and security, Mr Corbyn branded the current war on terror a "failure", adding that the world had become more dangerous as a result.

Speaking at Chatham House in London, the Labour leader said there was a "clear choice" for voters between a Labour Party that would seek to emphasise peace and diplomacy, and what he described as the Conservatives' approach of continuing "devastating military intervention".

Mr Corbyn also ruled out any further "hand-holding" with President Trump when it came to foreign defence policy, saying he would be willing to stand up to the US commander in chief. "The new US President seems determined to add to the dangers by recklessly escalating the confrontation with North Korea, unilaterally launching missile strikes on Syria, opposing Obama's nuclear arms deal with Iran and backing a new nuclear arms race."

Divisive Labour manifesto

Jeremy Corbyn's manifesto offering continued to provoke grumblings from his critics yesterday. The former culture secretary Ben Bradshaw suggested the document, launching on Tuesday, would never be implemented. "Let's get real, the Tories are 20 points ahead in the polls," he told the BBC. Other candidates including Ian Austin and John Woodcock said they were standing on their local records, not Mr Corbyn's platform.

But Labour's right did not attempt to amend the document at the party's "clause V meeting" on Thursday.

A party official on Labour's "soft left" present at the meeting said that moderates representing the Parliamentary Labour Party "didn't say a word, they just sat there throughout". A proposal from the GMB union to soften Labour's anti-fracking stance was rejected. But a call from shadow Brexit secretary Sir Keir Starmer to affirm that free movement would end upon leaving the EU was accepted.

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Laura Alvarez (left), the Labour leader's wife, and Baroness Chakrabarti at Chatham House yesterday for Mr Corbyn's major policy speech GETTY

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HOUSING

We would build 300,000 homes a year to fix market, claims Farron

By Lizzy Buchan

The Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron has pledged to ensure 300,000 homes are built a year as part of a package of measures to fix the "broken" housing market.

Councils would be able to hike tax on empty properties under new Lib Dem manifesto proposals, while developers that stockpile land without building on it for long periods would be penalised.

The party would also boost affordable housing by committing to building 500,000 affordable, energy-efficient homes over five years.

Outlining the plans, Mr Farron said: "If developers won't deliver the homes Britain needs, we will."

"The Government will become a house-builder itself, bringing in the contractors to actually construct the homes and then selling them into the market," he added. "The only way to get a grip on the housing crisis is by firm government action."

Mr Farron, a long-time campaigner on housing, recalled being spurred to act after watching Ken Loach's landmark film *Cathy Come Home* as a teenager. "Getting a place



Tim Farron said Ken Loach's film *'Cathy Come Home'* inspired him to campaign for better housing

of my own and then making a home for my family was one of the proudest moments of my life," he said.

"But for many people in the next generation, it is virtually impossible to get on the housing ladder. They deserve a helping hand."

Other manifesto commitments include bringing forward plans to legalise cannabis so it can be taxed and sold on the high street. The

{i} A survey across 600 estate agency branches this month found that the **number of properties available was close to record lows**. Estate agents say this is because of uncertainty about the general election.

party will commit to creating a legal market for the production and sale of the substance in its manifesto, it confirmed, making it one of the first political parties to fight an election on a ticket of relaxing drug laws.

Cannabis would only be sold to people over 18 and sales would be strictly regulated under the new proposals, which could generate up to £1bn per year in tax revenues, the party predicts.

The Lib Dems have long campaigned to legalise the drug, with the former health minister Norman Lamb attempting to bring in a Bill last year to tackle "a catastrophic failure" of the war on drugs.

Another commitment would offer fathers an extra month of paid parental leave, to encourage greater sharing of parental responsibilities.



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CONSERVATIVES

Protesters wait for the arrival of Theresa May at the Linskill Centre in North Shields yesterday
GETTY IMAGES



Working class has been deserted by Corbyn, says May

By Sam Lister

Jeremy Corbyn has “deserted” working-class voters, Theresa May told voters in the North-east yesterday.

Speaking in Tyne and Wear, Mrs May said that she wanted to reach out to voters who had been “abandoned by Jeremy Corbyn and let down by government for too long”.

Mrs May said that the election offered a choice between “me and my team, with our eyes fixed on the future, or Jeremy Corbyn and his allies that want to take us back to the economic chaos of the past”.

She said that next week’s Conservative manifesto will set out “five great

challenges” facing the UK which she will tackle over the coming five years. “We will make it clear that we cannot continue to duck these important challenges and we will be straight with people about the trade-offs we must sometimes make.”

The Prime Minister has been travelling the country on the party’s blue “battlebus”, and was in the North-east to target voters in a traditional Labour heartland.

On arrival, Mrs May avoided a band of protesters who chanted “Theresa May, go away” as they campaigned against austerity.

One Labour Party member involved in the small demonstration

accused the Prime Minister of sneaking into the event. She said: “The police told us she was going to come through in her bus and we have been waiting for two hours here.”

“She sneaked in round the back.” In her speech, Mrs May also mocked the shadow Chancellor John McDonnell as a “maybe, maybe not, Marxist” and said that “proud and patriotic” traditional Labour voters were “appalled” by the policies in the party’s manifesto. Labour’s leadership “cannot add up and cannot be trusted”, she said.

“We’ve learnt from the shambolic leak of his manifesto that at the heart of his plan is a desire to go back to the economically disastrous socialist policies of the 1970s.”

Mrs May did not take any questions after her speech.

i Newcastle Upon Tyne Central has had a Labour MP since 1987. The current MP is Chi Onwurah, who won a majority of more than 12,000 in 2015.

ONLINE

PM to join live Facebook Q&A

By Andrew Griffin

The Prime Minister has been accused of trying to control scrutiny by the public and media in the election campaign. That has included locking journalists in cupboards and only meeting members of the public who have been vetted.

But Theresa May will join a live question and answer session on Facebook on Monday.

The Q&A will allow people to comment on the video live – asking questions, but also registering disapproval with the site’s reaction buttons, which include anger, sadness and more positive emotions. Recent live videos, such as that with Sean Spicer, White House Press Secretary, have had a range of angry faces spread across the entire screen. THE INDEPENDENT

Election in brief

CRIME

Police investigate anti-Rudd graffiti



Police in the constituency where the Home Secretary Amber Rudd (*inset*) is standing are

investigating a wave of graffiti daubed across the seaside resort.

Spray-painted slogans have defaced at least eight places in Hastings, East Sussex, including walls, bridge supports and a Grade II-listed building.

Some of the graffiti has been directed at Ms Rudd, including one on a wall near St Mary-in-the-Castle stating “Evict Amber Rudd”. Sussex Police said they are treating it as “politically motivated criminal damage”.

FLOWER POWER

Corbyn shows his green credentials

Jeremy Corbyn has said he will not give up his allotment if he becomes prime minister, but fit in digging, planting and pruning around his schedule at No 10.

Working on the allotment would give him “time to think”, said the vegetarian Labour leader, who has long tended a rectangular plot in East Finchley near his north London home, where he grows maize, beans and pumpkins and fruit for jam.

He told *Channel 4 News*: “If you grow plants and look after your garden, it gives you time to think, a connection with the natural world, and makes you stronger in everything else you do.”



TELEVISION

Greens’ satirical ad is a game-changer

The Green Party has released a satirical election broadcast based on a 1970s television show urging voters to “change the game”.

It has produced a video that depicts politics as a board game, in which players are rewarded for cutting spending, lying and getting rid of dissenters and ultimately “nobody wins”.

“The game no one wants to play is back,” the voice-over says, with “only two teams to choose from.” Participants take it turn to shout “strong and stable leadership”, alluding to the Conservatives’ election slogan, and “for the many, not the few”, Labour’s equivalent.

Analysis

Whatever happened to the Lib Dem fightback?

Andrew Grice



When Theresa May called the unexpected election, one party other than the Conservatives had reasons to be cheerful. The Liberal Democrats were already on an upward curve, after winning the Richmond Park by-election, which vindicated their strategy of targeting the 48 per cent who voted to Remain in the European Union.

In contrast to Labour, the Lib Dems had the virtue of a clear message on Brexit: a referendum on the exit deal. Their membership has risen to 102,000, their highest ever.

Yet the unwritten story of

this election is that, so far, it has not gone as well as the Lib Dems were hoping. The local council elections produced overall losses rather than gains. True, an 18 per cent projected share of the vote put them only nine points behind Labour. But the Lib Dems average only 10 per cent in the opinion polls. “They should be on 30 per cent,” said one Labour centrist who wishes the Lib Dems well. A Lib Dem candidate admitted: “It’s just not happening yet.”

The scope for sweeping Lib Dem gains seems limited. The South-west, where they were wiped out by the Tories in 2015, mainly voted Leave. Ukip is not standing in more than 200 seats, boosting Tory prospects.

In a contest framed by the Tories as a choice between Theresa May and Jeremy Corbyn,

some Lib Dems wonder whether Tim Farron, the Lib Dem leader, is cutting it. The committed Christian was slow to close down a silly media frenzy over whether he thought gay sex was a sin. “He hasn’t got the clout of Nick Clegg or Vince Cable,” said one Lib Dem.

Farron may not have cut through yet, but his party’s message remains unknown to many voters. He will have a higher profile after the launch of the party’s manifesto and the first television debates.

Lib Dems aching for something close to Cleggmania should remember that it did not break

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out until the first TV debate in 2010. There is still time for Farron to make his mark, but he needs to do it quickly.

Lib Dem officials insist that the council results suggest the party would win 20 seats next month, more than double its current nine. Yet that does not quite square with Farron’s over-ambitious goal, revealed to *i*, of becoming the official opposition.

The Lib Dems still have a spring in their step, and live in hope. Even if they trail a poor third, they do matter in this election.

Farron’s message will be that people who don’t really like May, but like Corbyn even less, can afford to vote for their own liberal values; she is going to win anyway, and doesn’t need a landslide. It is a message that voters should take seriously. THE INDEPENDENT

ENTERTAINMENT

The favourites



‘I just don’t want to come last’ – UK sets its Eurovision sights low

Assume the brace position, Britain. Lucie Jones could feel the Brexit effect tonight in Kiev. By **Adam Sherwin**

If managing expectations can help the United Kingdom to restore Eurovision pride, then Lucie Jones hit the right note. This year’s hopeful said she would be satisfied with not finishing last when she performs in Kiev tonight.

The former *X Factor* finalist will sing the aptly titled ballad “Never Give Up on You”. Simply securing 23rd place would be an improvement on the United Kingdom’s previous two dismal showings.

The Welsh singer said: “I just don’t want to come last, really. If we get no points I’ll be disappointed, but anything else is going to be a win. All I’ve got to do is not go on and fall flat on my face, and hit a bum note.”

Perhaps wisely, the 26-year-old declined to speculate on the

impact Brexit might have on the votes cast for the UK. “It’s not something I’m thinking about. Anything could happen and that’s the beauty of it.” There has, however, been speculation that other nations might take revenge on Britain’s exit from

the European Union by marking down its entry to Eurovision.

Eurovision experts say the song itself has the potential to be a serious challenger. Jones will perform 18th in the running order, considered a favourable slot.

Ladbrokes slashed Jones’s odds of winning from 50-1 to a competitive 28-1. “Though this still makes Jeremy Corbyn more than twice as likely to win the election [12-1] than Lucie winning Eurovision,” a spokesman added.

Recriminations have already begun with Katrina Leskanich, a singer with Katrina and the Waves, the last UK winner in 1997, blaming the BBC for a run of terrible entries.

She said: “For 20 years, I’ve been asked this question: ‘Why do we put forward such crap?’

“We kept choosing such



UK's Lucie Jones in Kiev during rehearsals for tonight AP

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Romania

Ilina feat. Alex Florea 'Yodel It'

An unlikely rap and yodelling fusion stands out in a year lacking in the crazy. Ilina Bacila calls herself Romania's only yodelling artist. Rapper Alex Florea straddles a huge glittery cannon. The lyrics – "Sing it up, sing it baby, Yodelio, Gonna act really crazy" – are classic Eurovision.

terrible representatives that you just knew from the get-go they weren't going to win." This year's representative was chosen by a public vote, however, rather than the whim of a BBC executive.

An increased number of medics will be positioned in the Kiev arena for Portugal's entry. Singer Salvador Sobral, one of the favourites, has a serious heart condition and been told he will require a transplant before the end of the year. Sobral was forced to miss rehearsals because of his health. Italy, Belgium and Bulgaria are the other nations tipped to win.

The chart-topping tenor Alfie Boe has said he would consider an approach to sing for Britain in future contests. "If it was the right song and the time, I'd have a go," Boe told *i*. "I'd have to ask my manager, though."

The performer, whose duets album with Michael Ball was last year's surprise best-seller, said: "It's just a case of the finding the right song and finding a singer with the personality to deliver it. Eurovision has that quirkiness about it."

It also has a serious side. Ukraine forced Russia to pull out of the contest because its entrant, Yuliya Samoylova, had toured in Crimea after Russia's 2014 annexation of the peninsula, violating a travel ban.

In response, Russia's state-owned Channel 1 television is refusing to broadcast the



Portugal

Salvador Sobral 'Amar Pelos Dois'

This romantic love song written by the hirsute singer's sister could end Portugal's record as longest-competing entrant never to have won. The song title means "Love for Both". Sobral's heart condition, requiring extra medical hands at stage side, adds jeopardy.



Italy

Francesco Gabbani 'Occidentali's Karma'

A dancing gorilla enhances a singalong pop song, titled "Westerner's Karma" in English, inspired by Desmond Morris's evolution book *The Naked Ape*. The lyrics reference Shakespeare, Karl Marx and the philosopher Heraclitus.



Bulgaria

Kristian Kostov 'Beautiful Mess'

At 17, the Moscow-born Kostov is the youngest performer at Kiev and the first Eurovision entrant born this century. Could pick up disenfranchised Russian votes. Kostov sang in Crimea after it was annexed by Russia, but he was only 14 and was cleared to compete.



Belarus

Naviband 'Story Of My Life'

The ukulele-backed folk song from duo Artem Lukyanenko and Ksenia Zhuk is the first ever entry to be sung entirely in Belarusian. Is its "new desires and better ideas" lyric aimed at neighbouring Russia? "We want to tell the history of our country, our culture," the pair say.

contest, replacing the final with a screening of the film *Alien*.

The European Broadcasting Union said that it was deeply disappointed in Kiev's decision to ban the Russian contestant.

Relations with Russia, already at a low because of the loss of Crimea and tensions on the

eastern border, deteriorated further after the Ukrainian singer Jamala won the 2016 contest with "1944", a song describing the deportations of Crimean Tatars to Central Asia under Stalin, but which also hinted at their recent treatment under the Russian President Vladimir Putin.

UKRAINE

Russians sent home over Eurovision security fears

By Adam Sherwin

ARTS AND MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

The Ukrainian authorities have called up 10,000 police to protect "public order" during Eurovision amid rising tensions between the host country and Russia.

Ukrainian border guards have banned several Russian fans from entering Kiev, where they were heading for tonight's contest. The authorities are suspicious of Russians citing Eurovision as the sole purpose of their trip.

Ukraine's State Border Guard Service's spokesman confirmed that a number of Russians had been deported at Kiev's international airport, Boryspil.

They include three people representing Russian media outlets along with two Russian nationals who could not prove they were genuine Eurovision fans.



Ukrainian authorities have increased security this week GETTY

He said: "Border guards admitted that they could have a different aim, that is why after analysing the risks they turned them away at the border. We have every right to deny entry."

Ukrainian border guards barred a photographer from Russia's Rossiya Segodnya news agency and two *Pravda* journalists.

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Nigel Farage
The former Ukip leader on the former Prime Minister

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COMMENT FROM HOME & ABROAD

MAY'S TORIES KEPT IN DARK



Conservatives are unsure on manifesto

The Telegraph

There is no chance of the Conservative Party manifesto being leaked. For this to happen, a draft must be shared with a few people, and Theresa May would never do anything quite so rash. The Prime Minister is famously secretive, relying on a handful of people to draw up her policies, so the manifesto may read more like the Thoughts of Chairman Theresa than a normal pact with voters.

Her MPs are aware of the deal: she'll lead them to victory, but it will be her personal victory.

And the party will, then, be hers to do with as she pleases.
(Fraser Nelson)

A RADICAL MANIFESTO



Corbyn right to be bold on pledges

The Guardian

As Corbyn is Labour's leader, there's no point now in producing some mean little manifesto with minuscule timid pledges. It's quite right to go large and please Labour people with a dream of what might be: this is no manifesto for Marxist revolution, whatever the Tories will claim.

This manifesto rightly challenges the monstrous cuts that are shredding the public realm and it will force May to respond. She will win, but as she dodges everything and everyone, she looks less strong and stable by the day, and here's a reminder of all that she avoids.
(Polly Toynbee)

WILL WE WIN EUROVISION?



The UK has a strong entry this year

New Statesman

As much as we like to pretend that Europe never picks up the phone for us, it seems that when we send modern, credible entries we get a good response. By almost every measure, the UK's entry this year is a solid one. "Never Give Up On You" melody sits within a winning range, and the tempo is good.

It's understandable that we're bracing ourselves for disappointment. Disappointment has been our bread and butter in this competition for nearly 20 years now, but we're actually in a pretty decent position this year.
(Kit Lovelace)

MACRON'S CHALLENGE



France will determine EU's security

The Times

When François Hollande hands over the launch codes for the force de frappe – France's independent nuclear deterrent – to Emmanuel Macron tomorrow, he also bequeaths a daunting list of problems. How the new president deals with them will determine not only his country's security in the coming years, but Europe's and ours.

Brexit will leave the European Union with only one military heavyweight: France. Its armed forces have advanced capabilities on land, sea and air (and in cyberspace), and a global reach. No other EU country comes close.
(Edward Lucas)

SNP SCHOOL STANDARDS



Party must face up to its own record

The Daily Record

The First Minister asked to be judged on her education record. Yesterday, she tried to hold her ground against a Tory attack by accusing them of diversionary tactics. But it won't escape anyone's attention that Sturgeon tried that trick after a rocky 10-minute grilling in parliament. In Scotland, the SNP has been in charge of schools for a decade.

They can take the credit where it's due. But they must accept the blame for obvious failings in key areas. Judging by yesterday's performance at First Minister's Questions, Sturgeon would rather turn a deaf ear.
(Editorial)

HARRY'S NEW DIRECTION



Styles grows up in solo debut album

NME

The fans will of course be over the moon with this collection of radio-friendly rockers and heartstring-tugging balladry, and everyone else? Well, they'll be pleasantly surprised – if not a little taken aback at just how many tricks he's pinched from other artists. To his credit, instead of taking the obvious route, in which Harry Styles became a post-Take That Robbie Williams, Harry has instead been looking to the masters of 1970s and 80s classic rock. Harry Styles is not, by any measure, an album that sounds like 2017 – One Direction's fans have grown up, and wisely, Harry's music has too.
(Leonie Cooper)

Life In Brief

GEOFFREY BAYLDON ACTOR

The actor Geoffrey Bayldon, who appeared in such shows as *Catweazle* and *Worzel Gummidge*, has died at the age of 93.

Bayldon was also known for his decision to turn down the lead role in the first *Doctor Who* TV series. He later stated he didn't regret the decision, not being a fan of sci-fi – but he did not hesitate to take the role of *Catweazle* which led him to great success.

Catweazle was made for Bayldon, with writer Richard Carpenter saying he had written the script with him in mind. In it, Bayldon took on the character of an 11th-century wizard whose flying spell backfires and sends him forward to 1969, where he then gets embroiled in all manner of escapades while trying to find the spell to take him back to his own time.

Bayldon praised Carpenter for his script, saying "It was a new idea, at a

time of boring, kitchen-sink drama".

The series would go on to win the Writers' Guild of Great Britain award for Best Children's TV Drama Script, as well as spawning a comic book, novelisation and even a song by the indie band The Boo Radleys in 1990.

Bayldon, born in Leeds, first found his love of acting aged four, in a school play where he portrayed a robin.

He began training as a professional actor in 1947 at the Old Vic theatre school in London, after spending three years during the war at a Yorkshire airfield with the RAF.

It was during his training in London that he lost his regional accent and got his first major role as Lord Ogilvy in *The Clandestine Marriage*. The play was staged by the famous impresario CB Cochran who also cast Bayldon in the 1949 musical *Tough at the Top*.

In these early roles, he took on

characters far older than he was. Even from this early stage in his career, Bayldon conceded, he had begun to go down the "old man route".

At first, Bayldon was concerned and it was the fear of being typecast that caused him to turn down the lead role in *Doctor Who* in 1963 – at that time, the Doctor was scripted as an eccentric older man. It took Bayldon only 10 minutes to turn down the role.

Yet he later accepted his ability to play older characters made him "very useful in an acting company".

The mainstream success of *Catweazle* eventually opened doors to other popular television programmes like *All Creatures Great and Small*, *The Tomorrow People* and *Tales of the Unexpected*. Bayldon also made a number of film appearances including in *Casino Royale* (1967), *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* (1976) and *Scrooge* (1970).

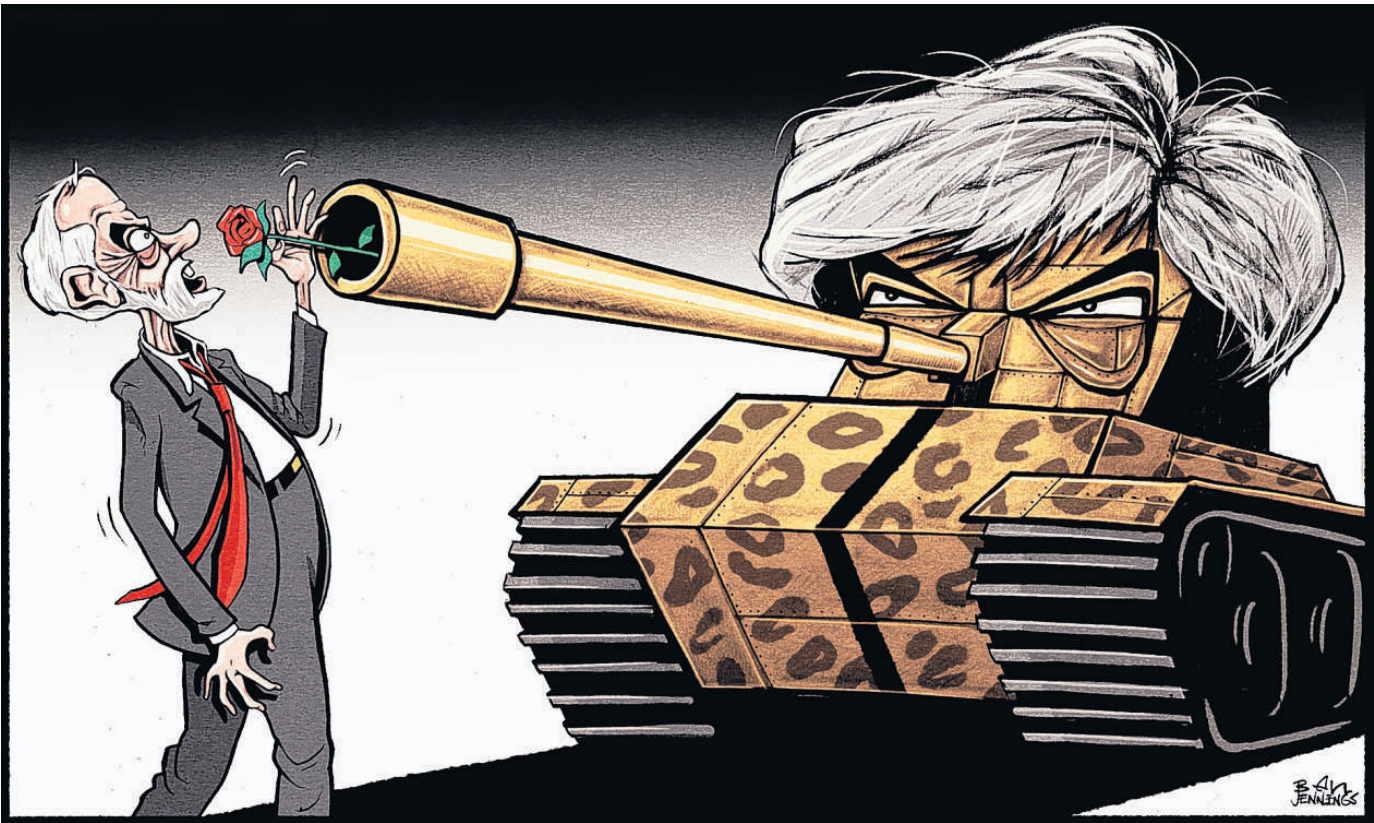


He continued acting well into his eighties – at which point he became, of course, even more capable of fulfilling the "old man" role for which he was known. In later life, he appeared in *Midsomer Murders*, *Heartbeat*, *Casualty*, *New Tricks* and, most recently, *My Family*, in 2010.

Bayldon is survived by his brother.

Born 7 January 1924
Died 10 May 2017

Harry Ashman



May is childless – how will we cope?

My View

Alice Jones



I don't know if you know this, but Theresa May doesn't have any children. No children! Not one. She has a big job, lots of shoes, a charming, pliant husband, a funny way with chips and, as of a few weeks ago, a catchphrase that already ranks alongside "It's Chico Time" as the most ear-grating of all time. But – no mini Mays.

How do we know this? Because it is impossible not to know it. On Thursday, the Prime Minister went on LBC talk radio for an interview with Nick Ferrari and a phone-in. The first caller on the phone-in was an NHS nurse who asked May what she was doing to help "just-about-managing" families.

For his part, Ferrari's first question was not about Brexit, nor the figures in the leaked Labour manifesto, nor Scottish independence.

Instead, he asked the Prime Minister, "What has the impact been on you that you've not had children?" – and, in what must have been a rhetorical flourish, because it's definitely not a real question, "How might Theresa May have been a different woman had she had children?"

May blinked, dismissed the second question as "impossible", and said of the first: "It's been very sad. It's just turned out not to be possible for us." She added: "You just get on with life. We've got, you know, nieces and nephews..."

It is not unknown that May does not have children, and this is not the first time that she has talked about the fact that she and her husband were unable to have them, though why she has to justify her childless status as being the result of circumstance, rather than choice, is unclear. Nicola Sturgeon has felt moved to do the same, talking about a miscarriage she had in 2011.

We can guess why they may feel compelled to do so – childless women are still largely seen as incomplete, inhuman, not quite normal – but their actions nevertheless have a waterfall effect. If the most powerful women in the country feel as if they must offer

narratives to explain their lack of children, then so will the rest of us.

Back in the heady summer of 2016, when a Conservative leadership battle still seemed a possibility, Andrea Leadsom famously implied that she would be a better prime minister than May, because she had given birth.

"I feel that being a mum means you have a real stake in the future of our country, a tangible stake," she told *The Times*. A few days of (justifiably) heavy criticism for her views later, she realised that stake wasn't all that tangible after all, and she quit the contest.

You might think that, after that, lessons would have been learnt. But the families – or lack of them – of our leaders continue to fascinate. On Monday morning's *Today* programme, Sarah Vine, wife of Michael Gove, declared that May not having children "makes her a much better Prime Minister because she doesn't have to worry about the school run. And she doesn't have to worry about whether they've got their PE kit."

It is not by accident that some Tory MPs call May 'Mummy'

First, if May did have children, one imagines – as Prime Minister – she might have someone to help her look after them, someone who might wrangle PE kits and the like, allowing her to get on with the day job of falling out with Jean-Claude Juncker and cutting disability benefits. Second, even when someone appears to be praising May's childlessness, rather than relentlessly needling her, it is still held up as an oddity, something worth commenting on.

The mistrust of the childless woman runs deep, even in 2017, when women in their mid-40s are almost twice as likely to be childless as women of their parents' generation. One in five women born

in 1969 is childless today, compared with one in nine women born in 1942; among those with degrees, the figure rises to 43 per cent.

The fact is, it's not childless women who are feared but powerful women. Probing their wombs is a distraction – something to strew in their path on the way to the top. It is not by accident that some Tory MPs and activists are moved to call May "Mummy". It's a little reminder that women are born to nurture, not rule.

Back in the studio, in Ferrari's third question to May he warned to his theme.

He praised her as "the hardest-working PM we've ever had", then asked: "Would you have had all that time if you were a mum, too?" May cited her female colleagues who also happened to be mothers – fathers weren't mentioned, naturally – who applied themselves superbly to their jobs and were "just very well organised".

What's the message here? It's weird not to be a mother if you're a leader, but if you are one, you're probably less good at your job.

In other words, you must have it all but you can't have it all. Forget heading back to the 1970s in this election – we've never moved on.



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Your View

TEXTS, TWEETS
AND EMAILS

Every party has to borrow

So, the Labour manifesto is leaked and the amount of borrowing is slated in the right-wing press (not the impartial *i*, I might add). If you look at history we have always had to borrow to finance radical policies. Think of 1940s with the introduction of the welfare state and the founding of the NHS. Also we have only just, in the 21st century, paid for two world wars.

The point is, all parties have borrowed to help the majority of the population live better lives, and to fight against fascism. So if Labour wants to borrow to make a difference to all our lives then that is a price with paying.

ANTHONY WILSON
SALFORD

Back to the political future

The phrase "back to the 1970s" shows that journalists and politicians only see the world through the prism of politics. When I think of that decade, the first thing that comes to mind is, as another letter said (Your View, *i*, 12 May), the great music and fashions, like *The Exorcist*, plus other classic and cult films.

It was also a less politically correct age, where we didn't complain about being offended, but just got on with life. There were also only three TV channels – yet, somehow, more to watch, and thankfully no excessive nanny state.

STEVE LUSTIG
LONDON

Jeremy Corbyn speaking to supporters in Sheffield this week
GETTY

Martin Bedford (Your View, *i*, 12 May) does view the 1970s through the rose-tinted glasses of youth. I remember the power cuts in winter, rotational blackouts, train strikes just in time for the summer holidays and food shortages because dockers were on strike.

It was the "strong unions" that inflicted misery on the population with predictable regularity. Let's not spend money we haven't got just to go back to those miserable times.

ANNE DONOVAN

How to police your inbox

I would add to Simon Kelner ("Are you drowning in emails?", *i*, 12 May), as a recent convert to WhatsApp. Conversations by text have increased and take much longer than "just call me to agree a date" did. Private emails are easier to protect.

I use three emails, one for internet use, one for "I don't know who you are", and one is private – only used for friends and family.

You have to be disciplined and remind "friends" not to broadcast, but by and large it works. It saves me time as I only look at the internet one occasionally and never open unknown attachments.

COLIN GREENE
COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

A policy to go up in smoke?

The Liberal Democrat Party has proposed the legalisation of cannabis supplies. Is this their new "tuition fee" moment?

DERRY GRAHAM
SHEFFIELD

Labour has missed a trick

Why has Labour not included the collection of vast amounts of unpaid revenue from tax-dodgers in its wish-list (*i*, 12 May)?

How much tax is not paid into the UK Exchequer by those who have benefited, and still benefit from, having a British education, upbringing, and citizenship, but now organise their lives and finances so that they do not have to contribute a proper share of the cost of running the country that nurtured them – and whose passports (and knighthoods in some cases) they are very pleased to hold?

RICHARD WILSON
OXFORD

Enough about May's home life

Sir Adam Barnett reports on Mrs May's radio interview in yesterday's *i* (12 May).

I am not at all interested in Mrs May's childhood, upbringing, faith, marriage or any other aspect of her

personal life. What matters to voters are the intentions of each party should they win the general election being held on 8 June.

WENDY BARKER
BEDFORD

Greens look to the future

With Brexit, fox hunting, grammar schools and nationalisation, it seems that only the Green Party with its emphasis on the environment and nuclear disarmament is looking to the future, not just of this country, but of the planet.

MARCUS BRAYBROOKE
ABINGDON, OXFORD

i was wrong

RBS
In Harry Rose's column on Wednesday 10 May, we said savings of more than £85,000 across the RBS group would

not be protected. RBS said this is not the case, as all three of its banks (NatWest, RBS and Ulster) have separate banking licences.

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Janet Street-Porter on Saturday

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Back to the 70s? No chance

Last week I went to a reunion for people who made the groundbreaking television series *Network* 7 some 30 years ago. To be honest, I don't remember a lot of what happened back then, but some guests could recite all sorts of bonkers rules and examples of extremely demanding management (on my part).

I confess to having a selective memory, otherwise my brain would be unable to assimilate new, more challenging input. I've got a simple theory: I make room for new stuff by consciously wiping out detritus from the past.

As for anniversaries, this year promises to be a corker. It's 50 years since the summer of love, my first marriage, my first drugs bust, and the fabulous 14-hour Technicolour Dream rave at Alexandra Palace, where Pink Floyd performed at 5am and Yoko Ono (*inset*) staged a happening in which members of the audience were invited to cut off a woman's clothes with scissors attached to a sound system.

Happy days, but in 2017 I prefer to look forward, not back, planning new experiences and ways of engaging with the world.

Sadly, that philosophy doesn't apply to politicians campaigning for our votes in the coming election.

How we laughed at Ed Miliband and his Ed Stone (now a nostalgic feature in the outside area of the Ivy Chelsea Garden), but are the promises made by May and Co any more credible? Corbyn tells us that he is determined to give everyone an equal opportunity to prosper and wants to ensure that the poorest in society get a fairer deal – all of which I applaud. But how to achieve these laudable ideals in modern Britain?

Reading the Labour manifesto, Corbyn's big ideas seem strangely unoriginal. Proposals to nationalise energy firms, the railways and Royal Mail seem the product of old trade unionists and young policy wonks who have a rose-tinted view of the past.

To succeed as a provider of services in the modern world, you need consensus, to be inclusive, to draw in all participants (or "stakeholders", to use that hideous bit of consultant-speak). You need competition and an



Different world: A street in the East End of London in the 1970s. EVENING STANDARD/GETTY IMAGES

Speaking of nostalgia...

In Shoreditch, east London, strippers are being replaced by sharing plates, and according to some, the area is losing its "traditional culture".

In the mid-seventies, I lived in Limehouse, and Sunday lunchtimes were a chance to visit a pub at the end of the

Highway to enjoy Billy Fury and Frank Sinatra impersonators. We were always careful not to sit in anyone's chair, and clustered around the bar – the locals weren't that welcoming.

Since then, the area has changed beyond all recognition, with trendy warehouse

apartments, the Overground and the Docklands Light Railway making it easily accessible from the City and the banking houses at Canary Wharf.

New residents have new requirements, with craft beer, designer food and sharing

plates high on the agenda.

The White Horse on Shoreditch High Street was one of the last pubs with strippers, until rising rents forced it to close last summer.

The end of an era was marked with a funeral parade through the surrounding streets. Now the local community association is outraged because the pub is to be turned into another place to enjoy "fine dining", with the owner promising "high quality ingredients from small producers".

East End food has come a long way from Tubby Isaac's whelk stall around the corner at Whitechapel, and Mr Roggs' salt beef establishment on Cannon Street Road where I bought my lunch every day.

It's easy to sneer at the lofty pretensions of the new East Enders, with their beards, foraging and eco-friendly baggy shorts, but they're a lot more welcoming than a smoky pub full of men leering at a woman wearing nipple tassels.

As for traditional End End culture, that was a time when uneducated men were in charge and women knew their place: putting dinner on the table while the man of the house drank in the pub on the corner.

Hipsters replace strippers, page 23

understanding of market demands and fluctuations.

No one would disagree that railways (for example) need a radical reorganisation; that ticket pricing is antediluvian and that there is no co-ordination between services offered by different operators. Nationalisation, though, is not the answer. Far stricter pricing controls, more competition on the main lines and subsidies on local services are the way forward.

Stations all over the country are underused facilities that could house shops, banks, village halls and post offices. They could be sponsored, adopted by big business, and become the hub of dying rural communities with branch lines reopened. There's so much

brownfield land around railways that's still not being used for housing. We need a visionary to take on Network Rail and the operators – we don't need nationalisation.

As for the Tories, May is also obsessed with the past, intent on portraying herself as the dependable, reliable, "difficult woman", a safe pair of hands in any negotiation. Her appearance on *The One Show* with hubby in tow was toe-curlingly awful, reminiscent of an episode of *Mr and Mrs*.

"Boys' and girls' jobs" – does anyone talk like that in 2017? It's a line Penelope Keith would have been proud of. May is flogging her stable marriage as a badge of honour – a reason to be trusted with the complex negotiations that lie ahead.

But in the country at large, marriage is less popular now than it has been for years. More women than ever of May's age are getting

divorced and choosing the single life, and yet she promotes a retro view of family life as half of a cosy couple who regularly go to church – another pastime that is going out of fashion.

Philip May, a nice rich banker, isn't getting elected to run Britain – and yet he is part of the Tory leadership package.

Meanwhile, Ukip's immigration spokesman John Bickley wants British students to pick fruit as part of a plan to reduce net migration to zero – but has he met any of them lately?

Back in the summer of love, we picked fruit and waited on tables – these days students wouldn't know how to pick a raspberry from a damson in Tesco. Pick potatoes in pouring rain for less than £10 an hour? You must be joking. Ukip, like the other parties, is living in a dream world – one circa 1956.

THE INDEPENDENT

In 2017, I prefer to look forward, not back, planning new ways of engaging with the world

World View

Patrick Cockburn



Many people view Donald Trump as the most dangerous man on the planet. Next week, he flies to Saudi Arabia for a three-day visit during which he will meet a man who surely runs him a close second.

This is deputy crown prince Mohammed bin Salman, 31 – de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia since his father, King Salman, 81, was incapacitated by old age – who has won a reputation for impulsiveness, aggression and poor judgement in the two-and-a-half years he has held power. Early on he escalated the Saudi role in Syria, thereby helping to precipitate Russian military intervention, and initiated a war in Yemen that is still going on and has reduced 17 million people to the brink of famine. Combine his failings with those of Trump, a man equally careless or ignorant about the consequence of his actions, and you have an explosive mixture threatening the most volatile region on earth.

Prince Mohammed, who is also defence minister, is not a man who learns from his mistakes or even notices that he has made them. Less than a year after his father became king in January 2015, the German Federal Intelligence Agency (BND) issued a warning that Saudi Arabia had adopted “an impulsive policy of intervention” abroad, and blamed this on the deputy crown prince, whom it portrayed as a naive political gambler.

The degree of alarm within the BND about his impact on the region must have been high for them to release such a document. It was swiftly withdrawn at the insistence of the German foreign ministry, but its predictions have been fulfilled disastrously in the subsequent 18 months.

The deputy crown prince is turning out to be not only a gambler, but one who recklessly raises his stakes when in trouble. Proof of this came in an extraordinary, but under-reported, interview he gave earlier this month, broadcast on al-Arabiya TV and Saudi TV, in which he threatened military intervention in Iran. “We will not wait until the battle is in Saudi Arabia, but we will work so the battle is there in Iran,” he said. Speaking in highly sectarian terms, he claimed that the Iranian Shia leaders were planning to seize Mecca and establish their rule over all the world’s 1.6 billion Muslims.

His diatribe was as anti-Shia as it was anti-Iranian, and is likely to provoke fears among Shia in Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan – and Saudi Arabia itself, where Shia make up a 10th of the population – that they will be the victims of an anti-Shia crusade.

It is absurd to imagine that the four or five Shia countries have the ambition or the ability to take over the 50 or more that are Sunni, though Sunni fundamentalists accuse tiny Shia minorities in countries such as Egypt, Tunisia and Indonesia of plotting to do so. Prince Moham-



Donald Trump with Prince Mohammed bin Salman: the President is likely

Trump and the impulsive Prince make a frightful pair

med appears to give credence to the theory of a grand anti-Sunni conspiracy orchestrated by Iran, saying that, since the Iranian revolution in 1979, Iran has been trying to “control Muslims in the Islamic world and spread the Twelver Jafari [Shia] sect ... so Imam Mahdi [the redeemer of Islam] comes”.

There is more at play here than Prince Mohammed whipping up religious and nationalist feelings in Saudi Arabia to secure his own power base and fend off his rivals within the royal family. None of his foreign ventures have so far achieved their aims: in Syria, in the spring of 2015, Saudi Arabia gave support to the so-called Army of Conquest, consisting primarily of the al-Qaeda affiliate the al-Nusra Front and its then ally, Ahrar al-Sham.

The President has ordered greater support for the Saudi war effort

This won a series of victories against pro-Assad forces in Idlib province – but their success led to the Russian military intervention later the same year that was a turning point in the war. Saudi influence was marginalised, something that the Prince blames on “the former American President Barack Obama [who] wasted many significant opportunities he could have seized to achieve great change in Syria”. In practice, Saudi Arabia was hoping

for US military intervention to enforce regime change in Syria along the lines of Iraq in 2003 or Libya in 2011. Obama was privately critical of Saudi actions and the tradition of the Washington foreign policy establishment of giving automatic support to Saudi Arabia and its allies.

Nevertheless, in Yemen, Mr Obama gave backing until the last days of his presidency to the Saudi-led bombing campaign. This campaign has been devastating the country since March 2015 but has so far failed to win the war for the Saudis’ local allies.

It has brought terrible suffering to the Yemeni population of 27 million, of whom the UN estimates that 17 million are “food insecure”, including some 462,000 under the age of five, who are “acutely malnourished” – or, in other words, starving. Saudi-backed forces are poised to attack the Red Sea port of Hodeidah, through which comes 80 per cent of Yemen’s imports, which make up most of its food supplies.

If the port is closed, then Yemenis will face the worst man-made famine since Mao Tse-Tung’s Great Leap Forward. Prince Mohammed says the war is all but won, though, mysteriously, in finishing off the other side, “thousands of our troops can fall victims. There will be funerals in all Saudi cities.”

Trump has already ordered greater US support for the Saudi war effort in Yemen, but the deputy crown

prince will be primarily bidding for US backing for his confrontation with Iran. Words are already turning into action, with reports of the US and Saudi Arabia being at one in planning to stir up an anti-government insurgency among minorities in Iran, such as the Baluchis in the south east – something that has been done before but with limited impact.

Saudi leaders were overjoyed by the election of Trump, whom they see as sympathetic to them and the Gulf leaders whom he will meet after he arrives in Saudi Arabia on 19 May, before going on to Israel. It is a chilling tribute to the authoritarian instincts of Trump that his first foreign visit as President should be to one of the last arbitrary monarchies left on earth and to a state where women are not even allowed to drive.

On the question of confronting Iran, he is unlikely to be restrained by his Defence Secretary, James Mattis, and his National Security Adviser, HR McMaster, both former generals scarred by America’s war in Iraq, where they see Iran as the main enemy.

The White House is doubtless conscious that the one time Trump won universal US plaudits was when he fired missiles in Syria and dropped a big bomb in Afghanistan. Trump and Prince Mohammed may be very different in some respects, but both know that fighting foreign foes and waving the flag shore up crumbling support at home. THE INDEPENDENT

Entertainment

Step aside, Beckham, and leave it to the pros

Serina Sandhu



We like to dabble, don’t we? One career pie is simply not enough for us.

But, sometimes, the result is the resounding feeling that we should have stuck to what we know we’re good at.

I imagine the former footballer David Beckham – who successfully dabbles as a spokesperson and model – had this feeling after he made his debut cameo performance in *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword*.

At first it’s hard to see how his performance could be so bad – his scene was fleeting. But the critics pulled out the red card.

According to one reviewer, he “sabotaged” a pivotal scene. Some said the clip of his scene put them off watching the film altogether.

He’s certainly not the first person to make their name in another industry, venture into films and have their performance panned.

The queen of reinvention, Madonna, could not reinvent herself enough for the big screen. The award-winning Broadway actress Patti LuPone branded the artist a “movie-killer” for her role in *Evita*. Ouch.

She added: “She’s a wonderful performer for what she does, but she is not an actress.”

And there LuPone, in her succinct yet brutal summary, hits the nail on the head: some people just can’t act.

So why does the film industry persistently hire non-natives? One would think there were a shortage of talented actors waiting for their big break.

Will a celebrity make headlines? Yes. Will they benefit the film? The jury is very much still out.

To be quite frank, hiring the likes of Beckham for a film is easy and lazy.

This elitist hiring practice does little for the credentials of the film industry or the hopes of aspiring actors, who have to go through gruelling training even to get an audition to be an extra.

And what do they see when they watch the film?

A substandard performance from someone who neither needed the role nor the money. Encouraging, eh?

Beckham’s statement that he doesn’t even want to get into acting adds insult to injury.

Contrary to the popular saying, some people can’t and shouldn’t have it all. Some things are better left to the actors.



TECHNOLOGY

Why Britain rules in a virtual world: Japanese invest £390m in start-up

By Ravender Sembh
and Ryan Wilkinson

Improbable, a British technology start-up that creates virtual worlds, has raised more than \$500m (£390m) in a funding round led by Japanese investing giant Softbank.

The cash will be used to develop Improbable's virtual reality technology and will result in "accelerated" recruitment at both its London and San Francisco offices.

The deal is thought to value the company at over \$1bn and the investment will be seen as a further endorsement of the UK's technology sector.

Softbank will hold a non-controlling stake in Improbable, which was founded by two Cambridge graduates. The move comes after Softbank sold a 25 per cent stake in British chip designer ARM Holdings

in March, just six months after snapping up the firm.

The Japanese firm swooped on the London-listed business as the tumbling pound following the EU referendum made its shares relatively cheap.

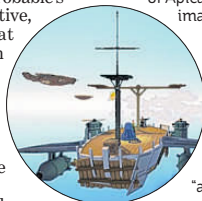
Herman Narula, Improbable's 29-year-old chief executive, said: "We believe that the next major phase in computing will be the emergence of large-scale virtual worlds which enrich human experience and change how we understand the real world."

"At Improbable we have spent the last few years building the foundational infrastructure for this vision."

The tech firm uses cloud-based servers to create virtual worlds for

Cambridge first Centre of excellence

ARM Holdings The tech company and Apple supplier landed a deal worth £242m in 2016 after the acquisition of Apical, which specialises in image software.



Autonomy Hewlett Packard bought the UK software company for \$11bn (£8.5bn) in 2011, but HP later wrote off three-quarters of the value after finding "accounting irregularities".

Sinclair research Sir Clive Sinclair's electronics firm was once worth \$197m. Unable to sell products under his name, he sold it to Amstrad Computer Technologies.

games with multiple players, as well as simulations of the real world on a vast scale.

Improbable is also researching how to use its Spatial technology in a range of applications including city management, cyber security and telecommunications.

The business already has technology stalwarts including the US venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz among its shareholders, having carried out its first investment round in 2015.

Improbable has grown from 50 employees two years ago to around 200 today at its office in Farringdon, central London, and a new base in San Francisco.

Deep Nishar, managing director of Softbank, said the company's breakthrough technologies were becoming "vital and valuable platforms for the global gaming industry".

NORWAY



Britons hurt as helicopter falls off yacht into harbour

By Jack Hardy

A 57-year-old British man was seriously hurt when a helicopter toppled off a superyacht and plunged into the sea.

Two other Britons – aged 53 and 62 – were injured as the aircraft tried to land on the 60-metre vessel *Bacarella* in Norway on Wednesday.

Investigators said the helicopter lost control when a tarpaulin became entangled in its rotors as it tried to land on the yacht in Bergen Harbour. A spokesman for Haukeland University Hospital said two men were released with minor injuries but the 57-year-old was critically ill.

Witnesses described seeing the helicopter "splash" into the water. Images later showed it being hoisted out of a fjord (above).

Kara Lynsdale, from London, was aboard the tall ship *Statsraad Lehmkuhl* in the harbour with her parents when she saw the incident.

Ms Lynsdale, 30, said: "We sort of looked to our left and just saw this helicopter just fall into the sea. I literally saw it when it was quite low – it didn't seem to fall from a great height or anything – I saw it while it was about in line with the boat."

Jan Haughland, 48, who lives in Bergen, was taking pictures of the tall ship when he heard a "crash and splash in one" at sunset.

He said he saw up to five boats race to the scene, including a passing passenger ferry that diverted from its course.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London said: "We continue to assist three British people following an incident in Bergen. We remain in contact with the Norwegian medical and police services."

CULTURE

Firefighters called to 'smoking' art exhibition

By Alexander Britton

Firefighters have received "numerous" reports of a fire in Nottingham's Lace Market – but it turned out to be part of a new art exhibition.

The clouds rising from the roof of the Nottingham Contemporary gallery were actually steam, part of an art installation called *Thinking Head*. The piece will be part of an exhibition starting at the venue on 20 May.

Matt Turpin, from Beeston, Nottinghamshire, saw the plumes and feared the worst.

He said: "When I saw it, it was quite early, about 9am, and there was a crowd outside. I assumed they had been evacuated."

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue said it was working with the gallery on the exhibition.



The clouds rising from the roof of the Nottingham Contemporary gallery turned out to be steam. MATT TURPIN/PA WIRE

HOLYROOD

Smacking ban 'would not criminalise good parents'

By Catriona Webster

Proposals that would ban the smacking of children in Scotland are not about criminalising parents, Green MSP John Finnie has said.

Mr Finnie defended his plan for a Holyrood Member's Bill to remove the defence of "justifiable assault", which allows parents to use physical punishment to admonish a child, as he launched a consultation on the

move. The Highlands and Islands MSP said Scotland was "out of step" with the world and had been "roundly condemned" by the UN.

The proposed smacking ban has the support of organisations including the Church of Scotland, the Association of Scottish Police Superintendents, NSPCC, Children 1st, the Children and Young People's Commissioner and Barnardo's.

Opponents argue the change in

the law would erode the rights of parents. Reverend David Robertson, a former Moderator at the Free Church of Scotland, argued the move was "completely unnecessary".

He told the BBC's *Good Morning Scotland* programme: "It's already against the law to hit a child on the head or to hit with an implement or to shake. This is going to criminalise good parents, just for tapping their child on the hand."

Mr Finnie said: "This isn't about criminalising anyone. This is about supporting parents and giving the most vulnerable people in our society equal protection from assault."

COURTS

'Even good doctors can fall short'

By Jan Colley

Junior doctors who work long hours under pressure should not lose heart or abandon medicine if they make mistakes, a top judge has said.

Doctors were human and even good and conscientious ones might fall short from time to time, Lord Justice Jackson said. He was ruling after allowing a multimillion-pound negligence claim against Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, Essex. A doctor failed to take an adequate

history of a one-year-old before discharge. The child was later that day treated for meningitis and now 14, has irreversible brain damage.

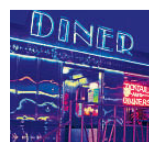
The judge said: "If mistakes are made, it is devastating for the patient and expensive for the NHS trust. Doctors, however, are human. Even good, conscientious doctors may fall short. That is not a reason to lose heart or, even worse, to abandon medical practice. Those who have learnt from past mistakes often have even more to offer."

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News in brief

TELECOMS

Watchdog reviews cost of phone lines

Ofcom has launched an investigation into the rising costs of calling some telephone services.

The regulator announced it will be carrying out a review into the use of 070 numbers, as well as directory enquiry numbers that begin with 118.

"Given the rising cost of calling these service numbers, Ofcom is launching a Call Cost Review to ensure that prices are transparent and fair to consumers," the regulator said. "Our review will consider whether consumer harm is arising out of deliberate misconduct or market failure."

Ofcom said it expects to publish detailed proposals this year.

MUSIC

Kasabian hit ends Sheeran's streak

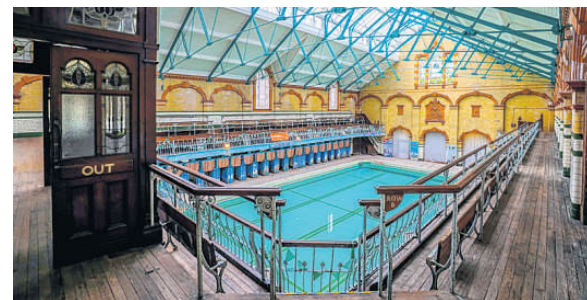
Kasabian have scored their fifth straight No 1 record as they put an end to Ed Sheeran's two-month reign at the UK album charts summit.

The Leicestershire band's sixth studio album *For Crying Out Loud* collected 52,000 combined chart sales in its opening week, some 5,000 ahead of Sheeran's *Divide*.

Guitarist and songwriter Serge Pizzorno told Official Charts: "It's absolutely incredible to have five No 1 albums in a row."

"Thanks to everyone who has supported us. We can't wait to play the new tracks on the road this summer."

COMMUNITY



Bidders splash out to be first to take plunge

Swimmers have been bidding hundreds of pounds to be the first in 24 years to take a dip at a historic pool in Manchester.

The Grade II* listed Victoria Baths (above) opened in 1906 and was designed by architect Henry Price.

The baths closed in 1993 but they have been undergoing improvements ever since winning the BBC's *Restoration* series in

2003 and more than £3m from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The first two who triumph in the eBay auction will enter the water during an open day tomorrow.

With just a few hours to go until the auction closes today, the bids had reached more than £500 last night. Other tickets, each costing £15, sold out within 20 minutes of going on sale.

CRIME

The 'Harry Potter' prequel was sold at a charity auction for £25,000 PA



Harry Potter and the stolen £25,000 prequel postcard

By Dean Kirby

A *Harry Potter* prequel handwritten on a postcard by JK Rowling has been stolen in a burglary in Birmingham. The "extremely valuable" 800-word work was penned on both sides of the A5 card for a charity auction nine years ago and sold for £25,000

i A Manchester resident is renting out a **Harry Potter-inspired cupboard under the stairs in his house for £10 a night**. He posted the ad on Airbnb, calling it a perfect choice for "solo adventurers".

at Sotheby's. Police are urging fans around the world to help them to recover the work.

Responding to news of the theft, Rowling (*inset*) retweeted a message issued by West Midlands Police appealing for information and featuring a picture of the short story. She said: "Please don't buy

this if you're offered it. Originally auctioned for @englishpen, the owner supported writers' freedoms by bidding for it."

Reportedly set three years before *Harry Potter's* birth, the prequel features the boy wizard's father, James Potter, and godfather, Sirius Black, when they were teenagers. They are confronted by two "muggle" policemen after a motorbike chase, but escape on broomsticks.

The untitled manuscript and jewellery were stolen from a property in Kings Heath between 13 and 24 April. Police appealed for information, saying that "the appeal goes far and wide among *Harry Potter* fans throughout the world".

PC Paul Jauncey, the investigating officer, said:

"The only people who will buy this unique piece are true *Harry Potter* fans. We are appealing to anyone who sees, or is offered this item for sale, to contact police."

The victim of the burglary, who only wished his first name – Hira – to be published, said it took a while for the "shock" to set in after he learnt the manuscript had been taken. He said the work was "priceless" and if it was sold again legitimately it had the potential to raise more money for good causes.

The prequel was among several works donated by authors, including Sebastian Faulks and Doris Lessing, to an auction held in 2008 to raise funds for English PEN, which promotes understanding through literature, and Dyslexia Action.



COURTS

Divorcee in 23-month marriage wins £4.25m

By Brian Farmer

A woman who was married to a multimillionaire more than 25 years her senior for 23 months has been awarded a £4.25m payout by a family court judge.

Judge Bernard Wallwork heard that the couple married in Las Vegas in October 2011 and separated in September 2013. The man, now 65 and worth about £37m, offered nearly £2m. The woman, now 38, wanted £6m.

Judge Wallwork analysed evidence at a private family court hearing in Manchester last year.

Detail of the case emerged yesterday after the millionaire mounted a High Court appeal.

The plaintiff complained that the payout was too big, but a High Court judge has dismissed his challenge.

Mr Justice Mostyn, who analysed the appeal at a hearing in the Family Division of the High Court in London, concluded that Judge Wallwork made a "legitimate" decision. He said no one involved could be identified.

Judges heard that the Ukrainian woman first met the man in 2004 and they were involved in a relationship for several years.

They had planned to marry in 2007 but the man called it off. The couple broke up and the woman was forced to leave the country, but they rekindled the relationship in late 2010 and married in the US about a year later.

Judge Wallwork concluded that the man was worth about £35m before the marriage and the couple enjoyed a "very high standard of living", with homes in Cheshire, Knightsbridge and Marbella worth more than £5m.

Judge Wallwork concluded that the woman's ability to work was hampered by health problems. He said she had suffered "serious psychological harm" as a result of "married life and its breakdown".

SOCIETY

Prince William is named 'greatest straight mate'

By Josh Withey

Prince William has been named the most important "Celebrity Straight Ally" of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community at this year's British LGBT Awards.

Addressing the ceremony in a pre-recorded video, the Duke of Cambridge apologised for not being able to attend the event in person, and

commended his fellow winners, who included the Broadcaster of the Year, Clare Balding, and the Influencers of the Year, Olympic diver Tom Daley and his husband Dustin Lance Black.

"In recent years I have been compassionate about what we can do to protect people from bullying, particularly online," the Prince said. "Through this work I've encountered a number of tragic stories about

LGBT young people who have, sadly, felt unable to cope with the abuse and discrimination they face."

William added that his work tackling bullying and mental health stigma had led him to meet inspiring individuals and organisations "who are helping others to stand up to

bullying wherever it occurs".



"No one should be bullied for their sexuality," he said.

"It's so important to be proud of the person you are." The Prince (*left*) recently teamed up with Lady Gaga in an effort to end the "shame" of speaking out about mental health. THE INDEPENDENT

PEOPLE

Worshipper, 109, is honoured for 70 years of churchgoing

By Lucinda Cameron

One of Britain's oldest men has been honoured with a "lifetime of service" award at the church where he has worshipped for more than 70 years. Alfred Smith, 109, has been a member of the Church of Scotland since 1945 and an elder since 1967.

The centenarian, from St Madoes in Perthshire, shares his age and birth date with Bob Weighton, of Alton in Hampshire, as well as with one of the UK's oldest women, Joan Eileen Hocquard, of Bournemouth.



Alfred Smith receives his award from the Rt Rev Russell Barr PA

The Rt Rev Russell Barr, the Moderator of the General Assembly, visited Mr Smith at home to present the award on behalf of the kirk.

He said: "Of all the many people I have met during my year as Moderator, Alfred Smith is one of the most remarkable."

Mr Smith said: "It is just wonderful to have a visit from the Moderator. How he finds time to see me is quite something. I have always loved the church, as it has given me so much over the years."

Asked for his secret to a long life, the retired farmer said: "Porridge is helpful and having a job you enjoy."

"I've lived a decent life. I do ask myself, why me? Why have I lived so long when others haven't?"



Solution, page 61

Across

- Media player screening very small crustacean (6)
- Conveyed to the west and east to make investment? (6)
- Sorted letters for an English county (6)

Down

- Act out? The opposite actually (6)
- Appreciate established summary (6)

COURTS

Couple drove terrified love rival to death in city car chase

By Claire Hayhurst

A couple who "literally drove" a young woman to her death and caused her passenger horrific injuries in a car chase through a city centre have both been jailed.

Michael Wheeler, 23, and 24-year-old Melissa Pesticcio pursued his ex-girlfriend Sophie Taylor, 22, in separate vehicles as she drove through the streets of Cardiff.

Wheeler had been in a relationship with Pesticcio when he started dating Ms Taylor in June last year, Cardiff Crown Court was told. The relationship between Wheeler and Ms Taylor ended weeks later, with Pesticcio and Wheeler becoming "increasingly hostile" towards her.

CCTV images captured the pair, in separate cars, chasing Ms Taylor through Cardiff at speeds of up to 56mph from 12.32am on 22 August.

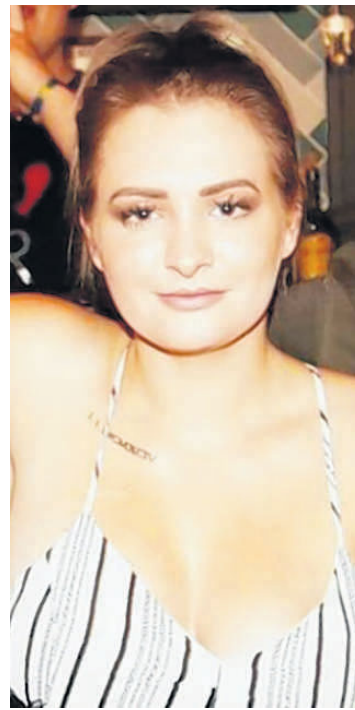
Three minutes later, at 12.35am, Wheeler rammed the side of Ms Taylor's car – causing it to spin out of control and crash into a block of flats. Ms Taylor died in hospital while her passenger – her friend Joshua Deguara – suffered life-changing injuries.

Wheeler admitted causing death and serious injury by dangerous driving. A jury later convicted Pesticcio of the same charges.

Judge Tom Crowther, QC, jailed Wheeler for seven years and six months, and Pesticcio for six years and six months for the "completely avoidable" tragedy.

"It was caused by you two, when you were consumed by a self-righteous and jealous rage, chasing her down to frighten her and teach her a lesson," the judge said.

Mr Deguara, 21, using crutches, gave a victim impact statement to the court in which he said he



Sophie Taylor (left) died when her car spun out of control and slammed into a wall as she was chased by Michael Wheeler (top) and Melissa Pesticcio (bottom). WALES NEWS SERVICE/PA

faced having a leg amputated after spending 101 days in hospital. "Sometimes I feel so angry with what has happened," he said. "I know I'm lucky to be alive but my life will never be the same."

Ms Taylor's father, Rodney Taylor, said: "I am, in some ways, the luckiest father in the world.

"I cherish every moment and

hope that wherever she is, she finds the peace and happiness that she deserves. I hope that maybe one day we will meet again."

His wife, Jackie, added: "I feel so heartbroken at the thought of just how frightened and alone my daughter must have felt that night, being chased through the streets like an animal."

PORTUGAL

Holidaymakers warned against faking food poisoning

By Neil Lancefield

British holidaymakers face prosecution if they lodge bogus food poisoning claims against hotels in Portugal.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office updated its travel advice to urge visitors to pursue only genuine complaints, warning that fake cases could lead to legal action. Similar guidance was issued last month for travellers heading to Spain.

The Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) said there had been a rise in the number of gastric illness claims made since 2013, despite sickness levels reported in resorts remaining stable.

It blames unscrupulous claims touts for encouraging holidaymakers on all-inclusive packages to submit dishonest or exaggerated claims worth thousands of pounds.

In addition to Portugal and Spain, destinations affected include Bulgaria, Cyprus, Turkey and the Dominican Republic.

Hoteliers in Mallorca said £42m in fake claims were made in the first nine months of last year, according to Spanish media reports.

Gillian Edwards, a spokeswoman for Abta, said claims management companies used aggressive tactics to persuade tourists to make claims, and "coach people on what to say".

i Acting Detective Chief Inspector Rob Cronick, of South Wales Police, said: "They literally drove Sophie to her death and left Joshua with horrific injuries from which he may never recover."

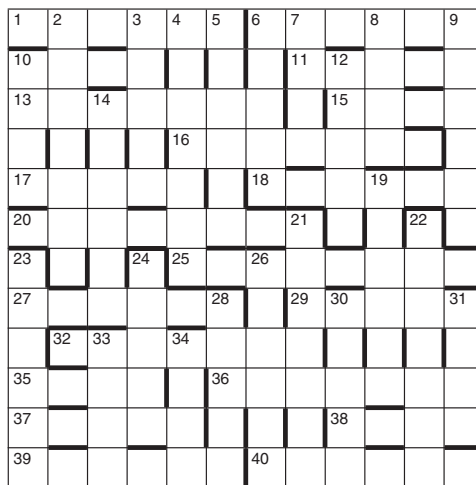


Clue Two III: Hide and Seek by eXternal

Corrections to misprinted definitions in 14 clues give a hider and seeker. In some other clues wordplay leads to the answer with a letter omitted. Reading from top to bottom and left to right, these letters provide the quarry; along with bars, these cells should be regarded as impassable to create a maze-like grid. An 'oddy' worded message (3,2,7) along the shortest route from top left to the start cell of the quarry hidden in the grid hints at the entry solvers must change.

ACROSS

- 1 Open country with rolling dales (6)
- 6 Ranger studied bears growling heartlessly to the west (6)
- 10 Frighten creature of folklore (4)
- 11 Tuna from East Europe bloc oddly scrubbed in Blackpool complex (5)



- 13 Part of London worried daughter (7, 2 words)
- 15 Lamb's brows are easy to miss in woolly surface (4)
- 16 Drop core of bolshy minor officials (7)
- 17 About to replace number of gem pouches (5)
- 18 Detest machine you turn on (6)
- 20 Fluid coloured liquid on copper fastener (8, 2 words)
- 25 Discovered in possession of cocaine and went downhill fast (8)
- 27 Pamper local personnel after function (6)
- 29 Desolate East Barking (5)
- 32 American nearly stood up a lover (7)
- 35 Part of wee pipsqueak's 70% smaller (4)
- 36 South American heroin that is found in prison (7)

- 37 Welcoming renegade, revolutionary provided guns with faith (5)
- 38 Australian graduate admits Latin dancing mess (4)
- 39 Sole on foot with tender feeling (6)
- 40 Learner spied all around and drove away (6)

DOWN

- 2 Corinthian land originally colonised by pilgrims (7)
- 3 Some fatty lumps around mouth part of pike, say (5)
- 4 Jock and English celebrity climbing Arabian peaks (7)
- 5 Rinse out cloth of gold (6)
- 6 Intricate pine board inset with diamonds (5)
- 7 Mocked deputy acting upset (4)
- 8 Bond's morose, ignoring M (4)
- 9 Job stress beginning to ebb (6)
- 10 Come clean after prisoner's removed best of arms (4)
- 12 Aged person put away Garry's jug (5)
- 14 Lettuce sandwiches fine fellow devours (6)
- 19 Tenor, young and hunky (6)
- 21 Note seabird going north from Arab state (7)

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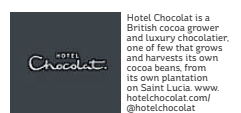
Solution to 1488

Captain's Log by Harriobos
Extra letters in wordplay spell DISCOVERER ADOPTS LINE TO THE SOUTH. Each N.E.W. in across answers represents a move of one square in that direction. Plotting positions at the end of each answer thereby traces the course around Australia, first circumnavigated by Capt Matthew FLINDERS.

Winners Mrs V Beeson, Chelmsford; John McCabe, Saltburn; David Hennings, Cookham
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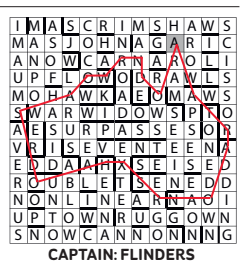
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Whale warning

A boy studies a whale-shaped art installation made of plastic and other marine rubbish by activists from Greenpeace Philippines at Naic beach yesterday. A 2015 study named the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia as the biggest sources of pollution in the world's oceans, which are filled with an estimated 275 million tons of plastics. Plastic waste is predicted to outweigh fish in the seas by 2050.

ERIK DE CASTRO/REUTERS

LEISURE

Strippers and hipsters fight for the soul of the East End

The conversion of a 'traditional' pub to chic eaterie is affront to decency, say residents. By **Adam Lusher**

It was, they said, "the last of the decent East End pubs". With decent, honest stripping: pound coin in a pint pot, lady gets her kit off – none of the "hustle, hustle, hustle" you get in those flash new private lapdancing places.

No longer. For decades, the White Horse in Shoreditch High Street offered strip shows in the theatrical traditions of the great Bard Shakespeare himself. When the pub closed because of rising rents last August, the East London Strippers Collective (ELSC) protested with an "RIP Shoreditch" funeral procession.

"It feels like Shoreditch is finished," warned Edie Lamort, an ELSC member and White Horse favourite, as she bemoaned the replacement of East End tradition with that of the hipster: "You can have a craft lager and an artisanal sandwich and that's it."

The White Horse, she added, was "the last of the decent East End pubs", run by matriarchs like Sue Bristow, a landlady who looked after "the girls" and made the men behave, or get out.

"Shakespeare set up his first theatre in Curtain Road away from the rules and regulations of the city so people could have a bit of mischief," said Lamort. "That's what Shoreditch has always been."

"Some might think that it's a good idea to clear an area of vice, but it's part of the history and traditional culture of the area."

According to some locals, the "madness" affecting Shoreditch, the "overwhelming problem" of those attracted to the bars and nightclubs getting drunk and disorderly, is now out of control. As was alleged on Thursday, when Hackney Council approved an application for the White Horse's new owner, Super 8 Restaurants to stay open until 1.30am from Thursday to Saturday.

"It is time to reign in some of the madness that has caused so many problems in Shoreditch over the past decade," wrote one local resident, imploring councillors to refuse the licence. "This address is located next to some of London's busiest bars. The area surrounding the site is often

an open-air club, with violence, vomiting, urination, defecation, drug use and unsociable conduct late into the night.

The Shoreditch Community Association agreed. It said of the White Horse: "Regardless of one's view on the nature of its business, we can say it caused little nuisance to local residents in recent years."

In its application, Super 8 Restaurants said it was "a high quality operator". The Shoreditch restaurant would continue the company's focus on "high quality ingredients from small producers" that had garnered "outstanding praise for quality and innovation".

And everything would be done to minimise anti-social behaviour. "Clear signage" would tell diners to leave quietly at the end of the night. CCTV cameras would be installed. A written "dispersal policy" would be maintained.

Hackney councillors, though, did not give the company everything it asked for. The restaurant would only be allowed to stay open until 1.30am on Thursday to Saturday, not Monday to Saturday as requested.

Councillors also insisted on the restaurant installing a sound limiter and said that after midnight, you would need to order some food if you wanted a drink.

In its application, Super 8 Restaurants also confirmed that upon re-opening, there would be no adult entertainment on offer.

THE INDEPENDENT



Strip shows have existed in the East End for years, but risk being run out of town as trendier venues move in



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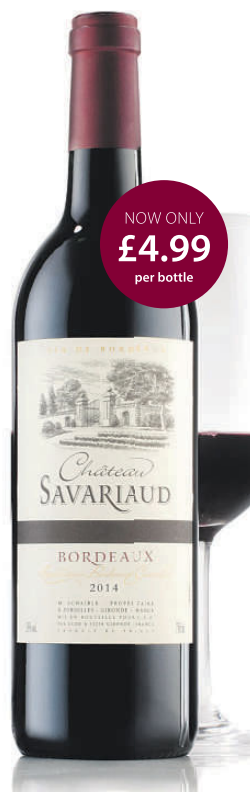
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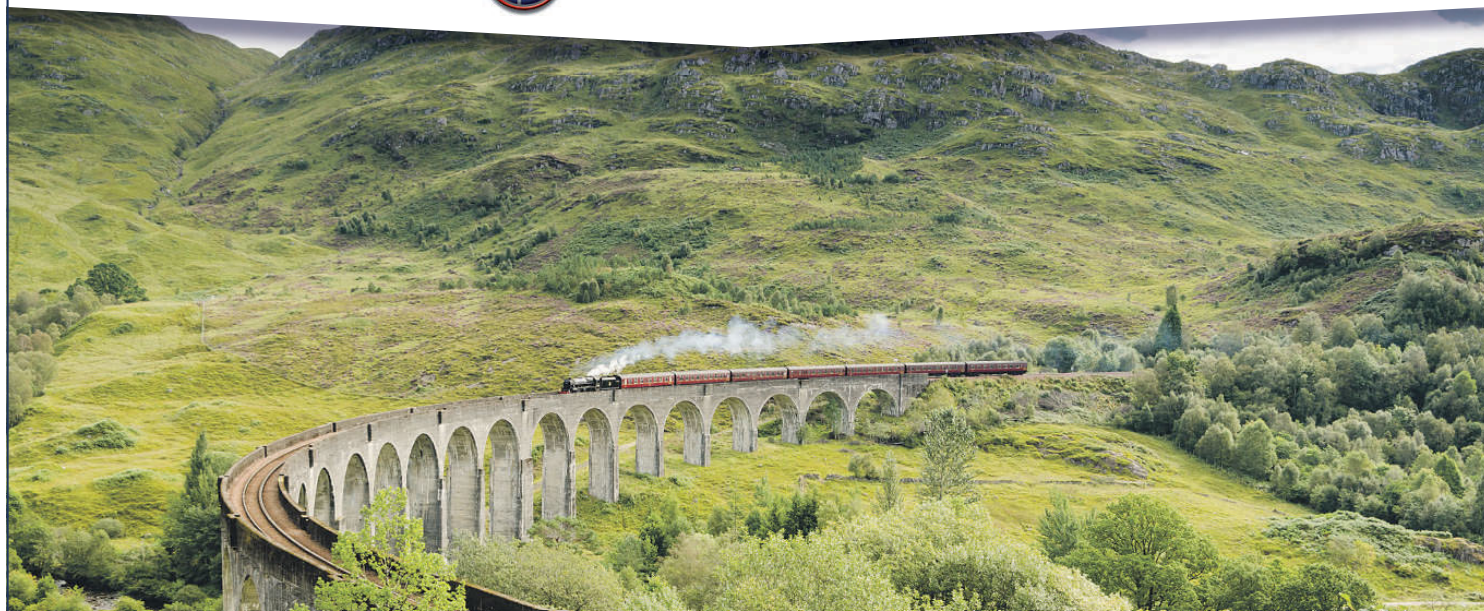
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Day 4. The Isle of Mull and Duart Castle. This morning we travel by coach to Oban, we enjoy free time around the harbour for lunch before leaving the mainland by ferry, for the 40-minute crossing to the Isle of Mull. We arrive on Mull at the town of Craignure. From here we visit Duart Castle. We check in to the Isle of Mull hotel, where we stay for the next two nights.

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Days 6-7. A distillery tour and at leisure. Today, we return by ferry to Oban. In the afternoon we visit the Oban Distillery for a guided tour. Then we continue to Pitlochry*, spending three nights here. Day 7 is at leisure in Pitlochry*.

*Please note – on some departures we stay in Dunkeld. Please call for more details.

Day 8. Cairngorm Mountain Railway. On today's excursion we travel north to Aviemore, a charming town in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. Later we transfer to the Cairngorm Mountain Railway, we enjoy a journey to the Ptarmigan Summit Station at 3,598ft, which, on a clear day, features spectacular views over the Cairngorm National Park.

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Japan's Finance Minister, Taro Aso, and Janet Yellen, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, arrive for the G7 summit in the Italian port of Bari. AFP

ITALY

G7 finance ministers warn US not to upset global economy

By William Schomberg
IN BARI

Finance chiefs from many of the world's rich nations have raised concerns about Donald Trump's plans to walk away from international rules on trade and financial regulation.

The US President's threats to end a multilateral approach to policies from trade to climate change dominated discussions among the G7 finance ministers and central bankers who began a two-day meeting in the southern Italian port city of Bari yesterday.

The German Finance Minister,

Wolfgang Schäuble, said: "We need a strong United States to lead the global economy and global politics in a sustainable way."

His French counterpart, Michel Sapin, said: "It is unthinkable, and it will not happen, that one can destroy these collective achievements that give more stability ... and at the end of the day are truly in everyone's interests."

Several officials at the meeting raised concerns about risks to global growth from the Trump administration's policy proposals, including tax reform, a senior US Treasury official said. REUTERS



Christine Lagarde, the head of the International Monetary Fund, and the Chancellor Philip Hammond. AFP/GETTY



UNITED STATES

You'd better not leak to the press, Trump tells sacked FBI chief

By Emily Shugerman
IN NEW YORK

Donald Trump has apparently issued an astonishing threat to James Comey, implying that recordings of the pair's conversations could be released if the FBI director he fired "starts leaking to the press".

In the last of a series of early-morning tweets, the US President wrote yesterday: "James Comey better hope that there are no 'tapes' of our conversations before he starts leaking to the press!"

The warning followed a tweet in which Mr Trump threatened to

cancel all of his future press briefings and issue only written statements after his administration received heavy criticism for shifting its story about the sacking of Mr Comey.

In one of the posts, the President (*inset*) said that because of his busy schedule and with lots of things happening, it was not "possible for my surrogates to stand at podium with perfect accuracy".

The tweets immediately drew comparisons to the former President Richard Nixon, who secretly taped all meetings in the Oval Office before facing an impeachment process and resigning in 1974. Mr Trump's

comments seemed motivated by recent reports of a post-inauguration meeting with Mr Comey, in which Mr Trump is said to have demanded his FBI director's loyalty. Mr Comey reportedly declined to give it.

Mr Trump, in his first interview after the firing, said Mr Comey used the meeting to request to keep his job - a 10-year appointment of which he had served four years.

The President said Mr Comey also reassured him during that meeting that he was not under

investigation by the FBI. The White House deputy press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said Mr

Trump would "never even suggest the expectation of personal loyalty, only loyalty to our country and its great people".

The online tirade suggests the leader has become increasingly agitated by the fallout from his controversial dismissal of Mr Comey, who had been overseeing the FBI's investigation into Russian collusion with the Trump campaign team during the election.

Mr Trump posted the tweets after receiving a barrage of criticism for the way the White House had repeatedly changed the details of its story over firing Mr Comey.

Last night, CNN reported that Mr Comey was "not worried about any tapes". THE INDEPENDENT



{i} The former US director of national intelligence, James Clapper, said Mr Comey was "uneasy" with a dinner in January with Mr Trump that has come under renewed scrutiny.

TAX

No Russia cash, says President's legal team

By Steve Holland
IN WASHINGTON

A review of Donald Trump's tax returns for the past 10 years showed no income from Russian sources apart from a few exceptions and indicated that he did not owe money to Russian lenders, the President's lawyers have said.

In a letter released yesterday, they said the returns did not reflect any income from Russian sources apart from money Mr Trump earned for the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow and the 2008 sale of a Florida estate to a Russian billionaire.

Mr Trump's businesses may also have earned "immaterial" amounts from Russians over the years through ordinary sales transactions, including condominium rentals or sales, hotel rooms, rounds of golf or sales of Trump-licensed products, wrote Sheri Dillon and William Nelson, lawyers at the global law firm Morgan, Lewis and Bockius.

The returns did not reflect any payments by Mr Trump or his businesses to Russian lenders, investments in Russian firms or investment by Russians in his firms, the letter said. "The President has no business in Russia; he has no connections to Russia." REUTERS

TRADE

US hails 'herculean' deal with China on food and gas

By Martin Crutsinger
IN WASHINGTON

Beijing will open its borders to US beef and cooked Chinese poultry will be sold in American supermarkets under a deal struck after months of Donald Trump attacking China's trade practices.

The US Commerce Secretary, Wilbur Ross, said the agreement, which came after Mr Trump's April

meeting with President Xi Jinping, was "a herculean accomplishment", adding: "This is more than has been done in the whole history of US-China relations on trade."

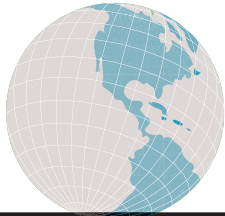
But US trade experts questioned its magnitude, saying it was only a modest fulfilment of past assurances by China. "These are modest moves which by themselves will not have much effect on the US economy," said David Dollar, a senior fellow

at the Brookings Institution and former Treasury official. The accord allows US liquefied natural gas exports to China, makes it easier for US financial firms to operate in China, and eases restrictions in industries including agriculture.

The deal does little to address trade disputes over automobiles or social media. America's trade deficit in goods and services with China totalled \$310bn (£240bn) last year. AP

Panorama

Around the world in 10 stories



SOUTH SUDAN

Ex-army chief 'in fighting mood'

South Sudan's President has ordered his ousted army chief of staff back to the capital as tensions rise between the two men accused of directing the country's civil war.

President Salva Kiir said yesterday that Paul Malong "was in a fighting mood" and claimed he "decided to run away" without handing over his office.

Mr Malong was replaced after being fired on Tuesday. He was accused of controlling an ethnic militia that numbers in the thousands. AP

SOUTH KOREA

Human bones found in ferry

South Korean officials have found fragments of suspected human bones from a ferry that was retrieved three years after it sank, killing more than 300 people.

Most of the 304 dead were high school students on a field trip and nine bodies have not been recovered. The *Sewol* ferry was raised and taken to port in March. Workers have since found four pieces of human bones, three from the recovered ferry and one from the site where it sank.

The oceans ministry said its search team found "many" more such bone fragments yesterday as it examined the ferry's stern. AP

NORTH KOREA

Pyongyang sends warning letter to 'obsessed' US

By Ju-min Park
IN SEOUL

North Korea sent a rare letter of protest to the US House of Representatives yesterday warning that a new package of tougher sanctions would only spur its development of nuclear

weapons, according to the isolated country's state media.

The protest was lodged by the recently revived Foreign Affairs Committee of North Korea's Supreme People's Assembly, which said the US House of Representatives was "obsessed" with disapproval and warned it of dire consequences. "The US House of Representatives should think twice," the letter said.

Tensions have been high over North Korea's nuclear and missile development and fears it will conduct a sixth nuclear test in defiance of the UN. REUTERS

Postcard From... Shanghai

After trying cosmetic creams and surgery, Wang Jing put her hopes in the skilled hands of a tattoo artist to make the scar on her stomach disappear.

"Whenever you try to reach for something your belly is exposed. It's not nice looking," Ms Wang, 46, said of the scar from the Caesarean birth of her daughter two decades ago that would soon be covered by a kitten tattoo.

China has one of the highest rates of Caesareans in the world, reaching a peak between 2004 and 2008, when nearly half of the country's babies were born using the

procedure, according to the World Health Organisation. This has created a market for creams, make-up and plastic surgery to hide the resulting four- to six-inch scars.

Some women spend up to 300 yuan (£34) for a 30ml tube of silicone gel that promises to make scars go away. Others opt for laser surgery costing 2,000 yuan for each centimetre of scar treated. The tattoo artist Shi Hailei said he offers an alternative. "A tattoo makes a woman more confident. She will no longer feel ashamed to show her abdomen," said Mr Shi, owner of Samurai Tattoo in Shanghai.

He performed his first free post-Caesarean tattoo in 2015. His shop helps up to six women a month and sometimes has a waiting list. REUTERS

Muyu Xu

ITALY

Anarchists blamed for bomb attack in car park

By Isla Binnie
IN ROME

Police were investigating the causes of explosions in Rome yesterday amid suggestions that anarchists may have carried out the attacks.

A rudimentary petrol bomb damaged a car when it caused two explosions in the car park of a post office near the ancient Circus Maximus racetrack, said the city's police chief, Massimo Improta.

Officials said the blast was not thought to have had a specific target and no one was injured. "We do not believe there was a plan to strike anyone in particular with the device,



No one was injured in the attack near the Circus Maximus AFP

it is definitely an act of protest," added Mr Improta.

Sniffer dogs were deployed and the situation was quickly brought under

control. Forensic police at the scene found the remains of what appeared to be a plastic bottle which may have contained at most one litre of petrol and a kitchen timer.

Mr Improta said: "The explosion could have struck without causing excessive damage."

He declined to comment whether anarchist activists could be behind the attack, which took place across the street from a fire station.

Giulia Scalondro was working in a nearby café when she heard one explosion followed by a stronger one. "We were frightened and ran out of the café. We saw flames and a thick dark cloud," she said. REUTERS

Tornado touches down

Bob McKee sits in a chair from his mobile home after a tornado wrecked his property in the town of Owasso, Oklahoma. Thursday's twister touched down during a series of storms which damaged trees and left homes flooded but there were no reports of injuries. Resident Ted Vancuren said: "It moved some things around and misplaced them." AP



IRAN

Rouhani attacks military backing for hardline rivals

By Parisa Hafezi
IN ANKARA

Iran's President, Hassan Rouhani, defended his efforts to improve his country's economy in a final televised debate against challengers who aim to topple him in an increasingly acrimonious election next week.

Mr Rouhani, who swept into office four years ago on promises to reduce Iran's international isolation, is seeking a second term after negotiating a deal with world powers to curb Iran's nuclear programme in return for lifting sanctions.

"If we want a better economy, we should not let groups with security

and political backing get involved in the economy," he said in a swipe at the Revolutionary Guards Corps, which has his main hardline opponent, Ebrahim Raisi.

Mr Rouhani faces five challengers, led by two hardliners, Mr Raisi and the Mayor of Tehran, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf. REUTERS

IVORY COAST

Soldiers open fire in bonus protest

Gunfire erupted in several locations in Ivory Coast, including the military headquarters in Abidjan, as anger spread yesterday following a decision by leaders of a group of mutineers to drop demands for bonuses.

The protests by soldiers, most of them ex-rebel fighters who helped to bring President Alassane Ouattara to power, began in the city of Bouake before spreading to Abidjan and Odiénne. REUTERS

AUSTRALIA

China accused of espionage

China is conducting extensive espionage against Australia, according to Canberra's most senior defence department official.

In a rare public accusation against Australia's largest trading partner, the Defence Secretary, Dennis Richardson, said: "It is no secret that China is very active in intelligence activities against us. It is more than cyber." Australia has blocked several infrastructure bids by Chinese firms over such concerns. REUTERS

FRANCE

Macron supports Paris Olympic bid

The President-elect, Emmanuel Macron, has thrown his weight behind Paris's bid for the 2024 Olympics, telling IOC President Thomas Bach of its "expected benefits for all French people."

Mr Macron's campaign team said Mr Bach had "saluted the great quality of the French candidature" and that Mr Macron "warmly reaffirmed" his support for Paris's bid. It is competing with Los Angeles for the Games. AP

BRAZIL

Zika virus emergency ended after 18 months of panic and heartbreak

By Sarah DiLorenzo
IN SAO PAULO

Brazil declared an end to its public health emergency over the Zika virus yesterday – 18 months after a surge in cases drew headlines around the world.

The mosquito-borne virus was not considered a major health threat until the 2015 outbreak revealed that Zika can lead to severe birth defects. One of those defects, microcephaly, causes babies to be born with skulls much smaller than expected.

Photos of babies with the defect spread panic around the globe, as the virus was reported in dozens of countries. Many would-be travellers cancelled trips to Zika-infected places.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and others recommended that pregnant women should avoid travelling to affected areas. The concern spread even more widely when health officials said Zika could also be transmitted through sexual contact with an infected person.

The health scare came just as Brazil, the epicentre of the outbreak, was preparing to host the

2016 Olympics, fuelling concerns that the Games could help to spread the virus. One athlete, a Spanish windsurfer, claimed that she contracted Zika while training in Brazil ahead of the Games.

In response to the outbreak, Brazil launched a mosquito-eradication campaign. The health ministry said those efforts had helped to reduce cases of Zika dramatically. Between January through mid-April, the health ministry recorded 95 per cent fewer cases than during the same period last year. The incidence of microcephaly has fallen as well.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) lifted its international emergency in November, yet warned that the virus was still a threat.

"The end of the emergency does not mean the end of surveillance or assistance to affected families," said Adelson Cavalcante, the secretary for health surveillance at Brazil's health ministry.

"The health ministry and other organisations involved in this area will maintain a policy of fighting Zika, dengue and chikungunya."

All three diseases are carried by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. The



The Zika virus can cause severe birth defects, including microcephaly GETTY IMAGES

WHO has warned that Zika is "here to stay", even when cases of it fall off, and that fighting the disease will be an ongoing battle.

Adriana Melo, the Brazilian doctor who raised alarm bells in the early days of the outbreak about a link between Zika and birth defects, said that the lifting of the emergency was expected following the decline in cases.

"The important thing now is that we do not forget the victims," said Ms Melo. AP

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PORTUGAL

Pope arrives to canonise children of Fatima vision

By Nicole Winfield
and Trisha Thomas
IN FATIMA

Pope Francis and pilgrims from around the world visited a shrine in Portugal yesterday to honour two poor shepherd children whose alleged visions of the Virgin Mary 100 years ago marked one of the most important events in the Catholic Church.

The Pope arrived in Fatima in the afternoon to celebrate the centenary of the apparitions and canonise the children. Thousands of pilgrims, waving flags from as far

away as Venezuela, Argentina and Cuba, braved a steady rain as they waited for the pontiff, many having spent the night outdoors to make sure of a good spot.

The crowd in the Fatima shrine's huge square erupted in applause as TV screens showed the Pope stepping off the plane at a nearby air force base.

Over the past few days, church groups, families and individuals have made their way to Fatima, about 90 miles north of Lisbon, some completing the final leg of the pilgrimage on their knees in prayer.

Carrying candles, rosaries and



A nun waits in the rain for the Pope to arrive in Fatima yesterday GETTY

roses, they have made their way to the statue dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. "For me, it is the second time I am here with a pope, first with John Paul II and now with Papa Francisco," said pilgrim Elisabete Fradique Conceicao. AP

TURKEY

Torture warning as coup accused are extradited

By Lizzie Dearden

Three Turks including a headteacher risk torture after being "abducted" and extradited from Malaysia, human rights groups have warned.

Turgay Karaman, the head

of an international school, Ismet Ozelcik, an academic, and Ihsan Aslan, businessman, are believed to have been targeted over suspected links to Fethullah Gulen, a US-based cleric accused of leading an attempted coup

against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Mr Gulen has denied involvement in the coup. Oguz Guven, editor of pro-secular *Cumhuriyet* newspaper's website, was held in Turkey with dozens of former stock exchange traders. THE INDEPENDENT

Still at risk Worst-hit nations

The Zika virus is still a risk in many countries, with worst areas for outbreaks concentrated in South and Central America, the Caribbean and Oceania.

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela are all classed by US and UK health authorities as having a high risk of transmission. In Central America, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama have current warnings in place, along with all islands in the Caribbean.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has warned of risks of transmission in parts of Florida and Texas and has advised pregnant women to postpone non-essential travel, with the risk highest in Florida's Miami-Dade county. Recent warnings were issued in Cape Verde, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, the Maldives and Singapore.

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HEALTH

'Our doctors should be handing out air tickets'

British prostate patients in Prague tell **Paul Gallagher** why they have saved up thousands for a treatment not available on NHS

When David Martin saw an advert for the Proton Therapy Centre in Prague in a British national newspaper, he decided to investigate. The 70-year-old, from Derby, had been diagnosed with prostate cancer and was dreading the side effects from the treatments on offer in the UK. "My wife had breast cancer and suffered quite badly from side effects, so she was all for me trying this," Mr Martin tells during a return visit to the Czech centre now that his treatment is over.

It is a different type of radiotherapy, which uses a high energy beam of protons rather than high energy X-rays to deliver a dose of radiotherapy for patients with cancer. It works best on some very rare cancers, including tumours affecting the base of skull or the spine.

Few people in the UK had heard of it until the case of Ashya King, whose parents, Brett and Nagemeh King, took their then five-year-old son out of Southampton General Hospital in August 2014 over a disagreement with doctors on treatment of his brain tumour. After an international manhunt which culminated with the parents' arrest in Spain, and a High Court battle, the family arrived in Prague in September 2014 where Ashya received proton therapy, having already had surgery in the UK.

Until then, the centre had been getting about one or two inquiries from Britain a week. Overnight that turned into between 20 and 30 a day and it struggled to cope.

"Our first patient was Russian," Vladimir Vondraek, head of clinical physics at the PTC, said on a tour of the centre. "Now we treat people from 22 countries, including the UK. Most are Czech, we have a large group from Slovakia and about 15 per cent are from the rest of the world."

About 80 per cent of the patients here are being treated for prostate cancer, and there are no proton therapy centres for this in the UK – yet. With the NHS only funding proton therapy abroad on a case-by-case basis, dozens of British men, like David Martin, have come to Prague seeking treatment in the hope of avoiding the horrendous side effects that often come with prostate cancer surgery and treatment at home. Around 70 have been here and met some of those currently at various stages of their treatment.

Prostate cancer runs in Duncan Gregory's family, so he was not surprised when he was diagnosed last December. "The surgeon wants to cut you, the radiation guy wants to blast you, but I wanted to look at alternative treatment," says the 58-year-old manufacturing engineer from Wantage, Oxfordshire. "One US consultant I spoke to, who works in the NHS, said he had never worked in a country where they are so blinded to just what they do – and not looking outside of that. It was like that for me."

Jonathan Briggs, 50, an engineer from Aberdeen, agrees. "The urologist in



The centre in Prague and (below) Ashya King, who received proton treatment and is now cancer-free, with his father, Brett
PROTON THERAPY CENTRE; AFP

Prostate cancer Survival rates

If prostate cancer is diagnosed early, a patient's chances of survival are good. About 90 per cent of men diagnosed at stages one or two – where the cancer is small, or large but within the prostate gland – will live for at least five more years, and between 65 and 90 per cent will live for at least 10 more years.

If you are diagnosed with stage-three prostate cancer, where it has spread from the prostate and may have grown into the tubes that carry semen, you have a 70 to 80 per cent chance of living for at least five more years. However, if you are diagnosed when your prostate cancer has reached stage four (it has spread into the lymph nodes or another part of the body, including the bladder, rectum or bones), there is only a 30 per cent chance that you will live for at least five more years.

Aberdeen was the one [I saw] who would be carrying out the operation, so it definitely felt like he was trying to sell me down that route. I was certainly aware, coming here, that they are trying to sell a product too, so you do have to satisfy yourself – but the clinical trials back up the pitch about reduced side effects [for proton therapy]. You almost have to do all the research yourself and make your own mind up."

Costs vary depending on the length of treatment but a month in Prague will cost around £35,000. The men all say they are in a fortunate position to afford it. "Even if I hadn't have been, I'd have stretched myself to get the money," says Mr Gregory. "I've a very good friend who had complete prostate removal six years ago and he's still doubly incontinent. Every time he moves he wants to go the toilet and it's often too late. I've still got eight to 10 years of working life left."

The UK has committed £250m towards developing high-energy proton beam therapy services. Two facilities are currently being built at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester and University College London Hospital (UCLH) NHS Foundation Trust. Services are expected to commence from 2018 at The Christie and from 2020 at UCLH – but it understands that they will not be used to treat prostate cancer; the second most common cancer in the UK, for at least 10 years. "I don't think they can afford it," says Mr Briggs.

Freedom of information requests obtained show that the NHS has spent £41.7m over the past three years (to March 2016)



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sending 452 patients to the US, and another £1.7m sending 37 patients to Germany and Switzerland. Some 342 of those patients were children. "The story of the young lad [Ashya King] coming over here has helped us," says Mr Gregory. "You feel like you're not coming into an unknown facility."

"People think that the UK has everything top-of-the-range in medical care," adds Robert Duncan, a 64-year-old bus driver from London, who is having his first day of a 10-day course. "How can a small country here become so advanced and we're lagging behind?"

Mr Gregory says he has some sympathy with the NHS, being so stretched, but is still left scratching his head. "What I don't understand is that through various research I found out that a radical prostatectomy costs the NHS £45,000 and the aftercare is eight to 12 weeks – if there's no problem; hospitalisation is a minimum of three weeks after the surgery. Factor all that in and even though I'm doing a 21-day course here, it's half the cost. It's a no-brainer. The NHS should be telling people 'here's your plane ticket, go'."

Karen Stalbow, a spokesman for Prostate Cancer UK, said proton beam therapy was effective in treating cancers in some groups of patients such as young children, or those whose cancer was close to vital organs. "However, for other patients, including men with prostate cancer, current evidence suggests that its benefits don't exceed those of existing radiotherapy techniques, for example in terms of reducing side effects," she said. "We therefore do not actively encourage men to pay

How it works Proton beam therapy in the UK

Currently, there is a proton beam therapy centre in the UK delivering low-energy proton therapy specifically for patients with eye tumours at the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust in Birkenhead, Wirral.

For patients who require proton therapy for more specific tumours, they have been able to access treatment abroad since April 2008. A clinical panel reviews individual cases. If a patient's consultant feels that proton beam therapy might be a suitable treatment for one of

their patients, they submit a form to the panel. The panel will then decide whether the case is suitable for proton beam therapy and, if so, confirm back to the patient's doctor that a referral overseas can be made, which will then be funded by the NHS. The referral is co-ordinated through the NHS Proton Overseas Programme.

Patients and their families need to be away from home for eight to 10 weeks. The NHS funds the patient's travel and accommodation costs and some other expenses.

for this treatment or seek it abroad. Existing radiotherapy methods available for free on the NHS continue to be a highly effective treatment option for men whose prostate cancer hasn't spread to other parts of their body.

"We know that 98 per cent of these men who receive radiotherapy will survive for at least 10 years."

The British patients in Prague acknowledge that, but say having treatment which minimised the risk of serious side effects made their choice to come here an obvious one. Many prostate cancer survivors they meet back home are gobsmacked when they hear their stories.

Mr Martin says: "I go to a support group in Derby, 50 to 60 blokes there, all who have had prostate treatment. I walk in four days after I've finished my treatment here and they ask me how I'm doing. They're all suffering terribly, and I tell them I'm fine. It's heartbreaking to see. That's what we're trying to avoid."



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POLITICS

Why Facebook is attracting very powerful friends

The Tories are spending big to target voters. By **Rhiannon Williams**

If last year's US presidential election was any illustration of how powerful social media (and subsequent fake news) has become in influencing political opinion and outcome, it seems possible that the forthcoming general election will be won and lost on the basis of who has the savvy digital task team.

The rapid rise in popularity of online political advertising is due to advances in technology and its potential voter reach, but also its lack of regulation. British parties are restricted from advertising on radio or TV, but are free to create digital campaigns designed to target extremely specific groups of would-be voters, based on their location, age, job, gender or interest. These can be altered over time to reflect what the target may have engaged with, or changes in policy.

In the months before the 2015 general election, political parties spent a combined £1.3m on targeted Facebook adverts to sing the praises of their policies – £1.2m of which came from the Conservatives' £15.6m advertising coffers. Labour, by contrast, spent just over £16,000 of its £12m ad spend on Facebook – though some have suggested the sum was higher, but was masked by payments made to larger umbrella advertising contracts.

Who Targets Me? is a free piece of software which analyses all political adverts shown on social media to work out which demographics are being targeted, and by whom. It is designed to be used with Google's Chrome web browser.

"This is a new area in our politics, with parties spending money to target potential voters and test messages in constituencies in ways that haven't really existed before," says Who Targets Me? co-founder Sam Jeffers, the former head of the Blue State Digital agency, which formerly advised the Labour Party.

"Because adverts on social media are so carefully targeted, they're not like the blanket approach of a billboard or a leaflet – they will disappear. This project is to increase transparency."

About 4,000 users spread across 590 constituencies are currently using the plug-in, and Jeffers hopes increasing numbers living in marginals sign up over the next few weeks. "The places where the result is going to be incredibly close between parties, that's where we want to look."

"We need to think carefully about how our campaigns are conducted

Social media campaigns How are they regulated?

The rules on money spent targeting voters during election campaigns were drawn up before social media became such a powerful tool. But the Electoral Commission says the same guidelines apply. If a message extols a party's national policy platform and leader, then it counts against national spending limits. And if it names

an individual candidate, or refers to an issue concerning a specific constituency, that qualifies as local.

However, a party can use its national spending limits to digitally target the seats that hold the key to the overall election result.

Messages can be tailored to the specific interests of voters there – and still not be declared as local spending.

Video-messaging is also a grey area, where the controls do not apply to the short films contained on the likes of Facebook, Twitter and Google.

Nigel Morris

– is it a fair fight if someone with lots of money can reach out and directly influence people?" Jeffers asks. "If I'm a millionaire, I could pour £20m into Facebook ads ... and money is becoming more involved in our elections. Parties don't buy billboards anymore, and spend only a small amount on local print media."

Earlier this week, it emerged that former senior Labour and Conservative campaign officials, including an adviser to David Cameron and a former aide to Ed Balls, have started working at Facebook. The social network said it employed staff "whose role it is to help politicians and governments make good use of Facebook", highlighting the significant role the platform sees itself playing in future.

Who Targets Me? plans to compare its findings with the results in a few weeks' time to gauge how effective the advertising has been, and if spending more on Facebook actually does result in more votes. "If I can target someone based on specific information I've drawn from online, when I have no prior relationship with them, there's a need to have a conversation around that."

While Facebook is but a single aspect in the parties' campaigns, its bang-for-your buck reputation in terms of reaching as many people as possible, in as targeted a way as possible, marks it as the key political battleground of this election. Labour would ignore it at their peril.



2 DAYS MATRIX

Edited by Valerie Browne

Quote of the week

"What makes leaving the FBI hard is the nature and quality of its people, who together make it that rock for America."

James Comey sends a farewell letter to his former colleagues



IN THE HEADLINES



READERS' CORNER

Wake-up call

My wife forgot to take her hearing aid off before bed one night.

At 4am, I got an elbow in the ribs. "Listen," she said, "the birds are singing. I haven't heard that for years." We sat there entranced. I will never again take the dawn chorus for granted.

Derek Walton,

Oxfordshire

Daily Mail

Grammar check

I'm beginning to wonder how I managed as a teacher, then a headteacher, without knowing what a fronted adverbial is.

Roland White, Sussex,
The Guardian

Wide load

How appropriate that the seats on HS2 will be wider than normal, as only fat cats will be able to afford the fares.

Barbara Hodges,
Warwickshire,
The Times

WORLD VIEW

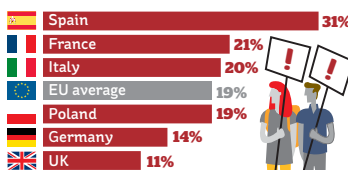
"I'm aware of the divisions in our nation which have led some people to extreme votes... It's my responsibility to listen to them while protecting the most fragile, by better organising solidarity, by combating all forms of inequality and discrimination, by ensuring your security, and by guaranteeing the nation's unity."

Emmanuel Macron in his first speech after his victory in the French election.

IN GRAPHICS

Europeans primed to protest

Share of citizens 'likely' to join a protest or demonstration within the next 12 months



SOURCE: DALIA RESEARCH, MARCH 2017

CONTROVERSY

FOX HUNTING



The Prime Minister has angered animal-rights campaigners by announcing that the Conservatives will renew a pledge to hold a free vote on overturning the 2004 ban on fox hunting. "As it happens, personally I have always been in favour of fox hunting, and we maintain our commitment... to allow a free vote," said Theresa May.

Her comments were immediately condemned by animal charities and rights groups. David Bowles, the head of public affairs at the RSPCA, said: "Fox hunting is a barbaric and brutal practice that has no place in civilised society."

"Repealing the [2004] Hunting Act would not only mean a return to cruelty, but would fly in the face of the opinion of the majority of the general public, as 84 per cent of people say they are against re-legalising fox hunting."

TRENDING

PAINKILLERS

May increase risk of a heart attack by 50 per cent.

AVOCADO HAND

Doctors urge warnings on how to prevent injury when cutting into the food.

CHESTER ZOO

Tricked into paying £126m to fraudsters who forged a letter from a contractor to say their bank details had changed.

YOGA BAN

Church bans yoga from community centre, saying it's a "non-Christian" Indian practice.

MUSEUM OF LONDON

Plans see-through tunnel for London Thameslink, which will run through its new site.

GOOD WEEK



STEPHEN FRY

Irish police dropped blasphemy investigation against the polymath, "unable to find... outraged people".

EMMA WATSON

Won first gender-neutral acting award at MTV event, for her role in *Beauty and the Beast*.

SHIRLEY BALLAS

Latin specialist confirmed as Len Goodman's replacement on *Strictly Come Dancing*.



WORKING MUMS

Australian Green politician Larissa Waters became the first woman to breastfeed in Australia's federal parliament during a vote.

POPPY DELEVINGNE

Model-turned-actor makes her film debut in Guy Ritchie's film *King Arthur*.

ZOPA

The UK's biggest peer-to-peer lender gets the go-ahead from City watchdog the FCA to launch its own ISA.



IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Fashion parade

"It's hard not to be impressed by the display of discipline on show in Moscow's Red Square, as Russian servicewomen

SNAPSHOT



@BIUK_POLITICS

Jeremy Corbyn's car runs over a BBC cameraman's foot.



@Stormzy1

Adele surprises Stormzy with a visit to one of his shows.

NEXT WEEK

British Academy Literature Week

Series of events and talks starts on Monday.

Museums at Night

To stay open late from Wednesday to Saturday.

Cannes Film Festival

70th annual event opens on Wednesday.

Polo On The Beach

Returns to Newquay from Friday.

GENDER POLITICS

"When a woman is ambitious or a perfectionist, it's, 'OK, she's a bitch'... The women then have to try to be liked; they don't want to alienate someone."

The actress Jessica Chastain on spending time in Washington researching her latest film role as a ruthless US lobbyist.



IN NUMBERS

44%

The predicted rise in number of strokes in Britain over the next 20 years, according to the Stroke Association.

43,326

The number of strokes recorded in the UK in 2015, which is projected to rise to 62,366 in 2035.

Postscript

Valerie Browne



Protester who shut a mine is now building a community

Kara Moses was deemed a poster child for environmental direct action last May when she led Reclaim the Power in its demonstration against Britain's largest opencast mine, at Ffos-y-Fran near Merthyr Tydfil in Wales, shutting it down for days. The 33-year-old led the protest just months after being given a suspended jail sentence for lying down on Heathrow's north runway to protest against the airport's expansion. Prior to that, the biological sciences graduate glued herself to the window of the public relations firm Bell Potttinger to decry its work for the fracking company Cuadrilla in 2014.

A year on, although still involved in such projects, she says she has removed herself somewhat from the front line to help others facilitate change. "People all over the country are taking action; if you step back, other people can step in and you can train them," she says. "The more people participate, the stronger the movement becomes."

Ms Moses currently runs "nature connection" workshops for those involved in social change. "There's so much amazing action happening at the moment, communities resisting fracking and coal – it's important that we support them so we can all be in it for the long haul."

Not that she's stopped protesting entirely herself. Last August, she was one of thousands across Europe who descended on the Rhineland coalfields in Germany, targeting RWE's opencast lignite mine in protest at the fuel's impact on the climate.

"Our current socio-economic system keeps us locked into the fossil-fuel economy," she says. "If we are to change society and move away from fossil fuels, we must challenge the status quo and those in power with bold action, powerful mass movements and the courage to reclaim our power."

"Just because I'm not on a runway doesn't make what I'm doing any less potent – there's resistance and positivity, and if you did one the whole time, you'd burn out."

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march during Russia's Victory Day parade," writes Deputy Picture Editor Mike Spillard. "They are more than a match for their male counterparts – as

befits their role in the defeat of the Nazi invasion of their country. But is there not a mismatch between the two halves of their outfits? Stiff caps

and braided jackets teemed with white skirts and boots. A rather bizarre sartorial combination of femininity and ferocity." KIRILL KUDRYAVTSEV/AP/GETTY

NONA LIDDELL

VIOLINIST, 1927-2017
Nona Liddell belonged to a generation of violinists who remembered and were influenced by virtuosos such as Fritz Kreisler and Ginette Neveu. But rather than confining herself to familiar showpiece concertos and chamber music, she aligned herself with contemporary, cutting-edge music, and will be chiefly remembered for her long association with the often experimental London Sinfonietta, of which she was leader from 1970 to 1994. When Liddell joined the orchestra, its broad-based programmes placed Stravinsky and Roberto Gerhard alongside, for instance, Bach and Schubert. But its audiences did not overlap as readily, and the group went on to specialise in new, and often unusually notated, music. "I don't mind having a go at anything, providing it doesn't damage either the instrument or the bow," she said in an interview in 1993. *The Guardian*



From top: the unconventional violinist Nona Liddell; the "Swiss Machine", climber Ueli Steck

GREAT LIVES

UELI STECK

MOUNTAINEER, 1976-2017
A renowned climber nicknamed "the Swiss Machine" for his rapid ascents of some of the world's most imposing peaks, Ueli Steck died in an accident near Mount Everest. At the time of his death, Mr Steck, 40, was trying to climb the 25,791ft Himalayan peak of Nuptse in preparation for an ambitious ascent of Everest. Mr Steck said in April that after scaling Nuptse he would follow part of a route up Everest pioneered in 1963, which had yet to be successfully repeated. *The New York Times*

ROBERT MILES

MUSICIAN, 1969-2017
Robert Miles created one of the most recognisable songs of the 1990s in the club classic "Children". The song was released in 1995, first with little impact in Italy, then, months later, in clubs around the world. *The Daily Telegraph*

BAD WEEK



SIENNA MILLER

The latest celebrity to have intimate pictures stolen by hackers and posted online.

BARACK OBAMA

Former US President under scrutiny for receiving \$400,000 for a speech delivered on Wall Street.

MICHAEL PARKINSON

Admitted his 1975 interview with Helen Mirren was "cringeworthy" and led to a lengthy feud.



HARRY STYLES

Mocked for having a "messiah complex" as his music video for "Sign of the Times" showed the pop star flying over water.

FERNE MCCANN

Broke down on live TV about her "surreal pregnancy" as ex-boyfriend faces acid attack charges.

KELVIN MACKENZIE

Controversial columnist fired from *The Sun* after racist comments about Everton footballer Ross Barkley.

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MATCHMAKER

Online dating might have been a boom industry of the past decade – and is predicted by Mintel to be worth £225m in the UK by 2019 – but it doesn't work for everyone. Caroline Brealey decided to set up her own matchmaking service, Mutual Attraction, after going on a string of bad online dates in her twenties and thinking there had to be a better alternative. "I was looking for something more personal and offline," she says.

On a typical day, she headhunts people she thinks will be a good match for clients, sets up introductions, and calls clients to get feedback on their dates.

Not surprisingly, she's thrilled when a couple get together, even more so if they get married or have a baby, "but I'm equally happy when I receive an email saying, 'She was great, really looking forward to seeing her again.'" The worst part of her job: calling a client and letting them know their date doesn't want to meet again – "It gets easier over time but it still feels awful."

Caroline says matchmaking isn't easy; you need a good eye for a match and intuition. One of the hardest skills to develop is learning what the client actually wants. "Many people say they want one thing, but mean something completely different. Getting clients to rip up their 'must-have list', which usually has things like 'He must be tall' or 'He must be no more than three years older' is the tricky part."

She once matched a couple in their fifties who, by coincidence, had lived together in their twenties. "We were ready to buy our hats, but in the end they decided they'd made the right decision years before."

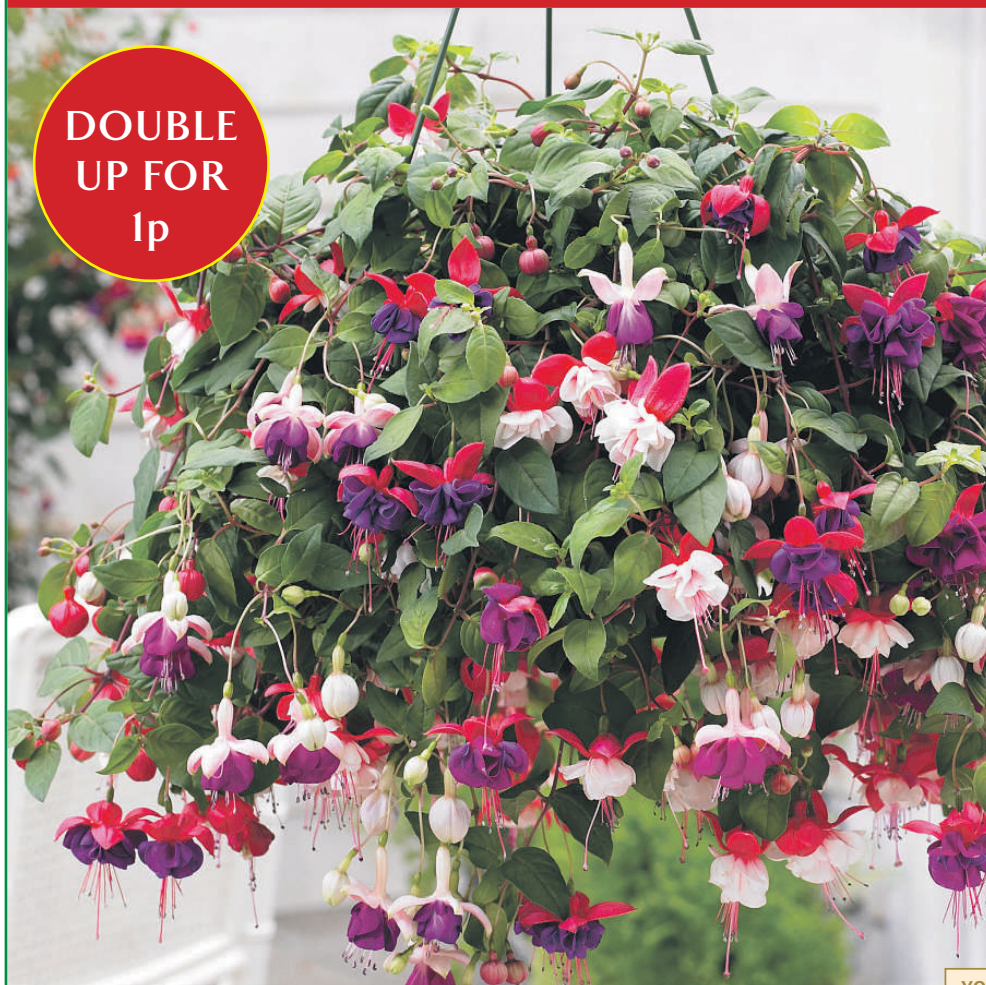
Her biggest success came with a female client who was about to call off a fourth date "as she wasn't feeling it. We knew he really liked her, so we convinced her to give it another shot. He'd been trying not to flirt too much, as he didn't want to seem too keen. Fortunately, our behind-the-scenes prompting worked; they've been together ever since."

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Matt Tebbutt Why kids should get off their iPads and get into the kitchen

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Little chefs

New 'Saturday Kitchen' host Matt Tebbutt tells **Chloë Hamilton** why we must get our kids off their iPads and more involved in cooking and the social side of food



Matt Tebbutt is on a mission to get children excited about cooking. He wants to see Britain's youngsters in messy kitchens, elbow-deep in potato peelings, staring impatiently at oven doors as they wait for their delicious concoctions to emerge, piping hot. And, parents, he needs your help.

The new host of *Saturday Kitchen* has teamed up with Disney to work on the second series of *First Class Chefs: Family Style*, which follows 10 teams, each made up of a 10- to 12-year-old and an adult family member. In each episode, two teams will go head to head, preparing a healthy, tasty dish, which will be judged by Tebbutt himself. It's hoped the show will encourage families to cook together.

This is a subject that Tebbutt – who has two children – clearly feels passionately about. Although he concedes that many parents are short of time during the week, he says the weekend is the perfect opportunity for them to cook with their children. “That’s how I encouraged my kids to get into cooking. We used to cover the kitchen in flour. It was a right old mess but that’s part of the fun.”

Tebbutt bemoans the fact that home economics is no longer taught in some schools. “It’s a real shame,” he says. “It’s a life skill. You don’t have to be a fantas-

tic chef, you just need to know how to put together some basic ingredients and have an understanding of food. Sadly, not many people do these days. Certainly not a lot of kids.”

It’s a parent’s responsibility, he believes, to teach children about food and healthy eating; a priority which, he feels, has fallen by the wayside of late. “If we just reach for ready meals and don’t take that much of an interest, why should kids take an interest?” he asks, pointedly. “We look after our kids in other ways, but not sitting down to eat and drinking loads of fizzy, sugary drinks is completely ignored. Nobody would see that as a failure, although in many regards it is.”

It becomes apparent, as we talk, that the chef doesn’t pull any punches when it comes to this topic. He has little time for fussy eaters, saying many kids grow up afraid of ingredients they haven’t tried, a problem which often follows them into adulthood. What’s more, he explains, too many people, adults included, don’t know where their food comes from. “Life is so sanitised,” he says.

Cheerful and chatty, Tebbutt speaks with the candour of someone who is getting long wrestled-with bugbears off his chest. Technology at the dinner table is another thing that bothers him. The former restaurateur – Tebbutt owned and ran the Foxhunter restaurant in

Nant-y-derry near Usk in South Wales for 15 years, before deciding to concentrate on his TV career – tells me that in the final few years of his tenure he noticed changes in the way children behaved in his restaurant, thanks in part to the prevalence of iPads. “We reached a point where the dogs that people brought in were better behaved than the children,” he tells me, explaining that young diners were more likely to turn to their screens than try new foods. Dining together, he argues, is an essential part of socialising children. “If we’re losing that now to electronics, I don’t think that’s a good thing. That’s just going to end in tears.”

The chef, who trained with Marco Pierre White, is perhaps best known for presenting cookery programmes such as Channel 4’s *Food Unwrapped* and *Drop Down Menu*.

In April, he became the new host of BBC1’s *Saturday Kitchen*, taking over from James Martin, who departed after 10 years at the helm of the live cookery show. He modestly ducks my question when I ask how it felt to have fans campaign for him to get the role, but tells me he hopes viewers think he’s doing a good job. “I don’t want to be compared to James,” he says when I ask what it’s been like following in Martin’s footsteps. “If you get too hung up on things like that, you would make a right mess of it.”



If we just reached for ready meals and don’t take that much of an interest, why should kids take an interest?

Cooking live is “terrifying”, he admits. Although they do full dress rehearsals – with everything “timed to the nth degree” – inevitably things can go wrong. “If we overran because I’m chatting too much then it gets a little bit tense,” he says. “But that’s life.”

Presumably, though, chefs are used to working under pressure. That’s true, he agrees. “You just have to remember that in kitchens, chefs are very different animals than on live TV. You have to be careful. The pressure has to come out in different forms.” No swearing, then? “Right,” he says. “It happens, you get over it. You apologise and you move on.”

The success of the long-running show – a stalwart of Saturday morning telly, as beloved by hungover students as it is by breakfasting families – is that it is fun and relaxed, says Tebbutt. “If you’re watching something and you feel quite uptight watching it, you are never going to enjoy it. As long as the chat is fun and we’re having a good time, I think that’s the key.”

And it is great fun, he admits. “You get to hang out with your friends, chat about food, meet celebrities. It’s a great way to spend a Saturday morning.”

‘First Class Chefs: Family Style’ airs on Monday on Disney Channel and DisneyLife

Tasty family recipes to cook with children



ROCKPOOL RICE WITH A SHOAL OF PRAWNS IN SWEET CHILLI SAUCE
SERVES 2-4

For the special fried rice
140g long-grain brown rice
50g bacon, fat trimmed & diced
½ red pepper, chopped
4-6 spring onions, whites chopped, greens split & put into ice water
2 garlic cloves, crushed
50g podded peas
4 whole baby sweetcorn, chopped
Pinch Chinese 5 spice
1tsp fish sauce
2 eggs, beaten
50g Chinese cabbage, sliced
100g beansprouts
50-75g cooked coldwater prawns
Oil
For the sticky prawns
12-16 uncooked king prawns (shelled and deveined)
1 red chilli, finely chopped
Juice and zest 1 lemon
2 cloves garlic, crushed
Pinch Chinese 5 spice
Rapeseed oil, for frying
1tbsp runny honey
Splash fish sauce
Handful fresh coriander

Bring a pan of water to the boil. Wash the rice under cold running water and then add to the boiling water. Cook until tender. Once cooked, drain well and set aside.

In a wok, add a drizzle of oil and heat until hot. Add the bacon and fry until crispy. Add the pepper, spring onion and garlic and cook until the peppers start to soften. Add the rice, peas and sweetcorn and continue to cook. Add a generous pinch of Chinese 5 spice and the fish sauce and combine well.

Make a well in the middle of the rice then add the beaten egg. Once it starts to cook/harden, mix into the rice and continue to fry for 5 minutes.

Add the cabbage, beansprouts and freshwater prawns and continue to cook for 2 minutes.

For the sticky prawns, in a bowl, combine the king prawns, chilli, lemon zest and garlic. Add a pinch of Chinese 5 spice and then toss so that they are evenly coated. Set aside to marinate.

Heat the oil in a pan until hot. Add the prawn mixture with its marinade. As it cooks, add the juice of half a lemon, the honey and a splash of fish sauce. Once the prawns are cooked, remove from the pan and season the sauce as necessary.

Serve on top of the special fried rice with a drizzle of the sauce, some fresh coriander and then two of the curled green spring onion ends per plate.



LEMON CHICKEN, SEASON VEG AND CRUSHED POTATOES
SERVES 2

3 cloves garlic, crushed
2tbsp olive oil
2 lemons, juiced and strained
2 chicken breasts, with skins
6 new potatoes, skin on, halved
2 sweet potatoes, chopped into 1in cubes
1 red chilli, finely chopped
Juice 2 limes
Handful fresh coriander, chopped
10 mangetouts
10 baby sweetcorn

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Gently sauté the garlic in the olive oil.

'SOMETHING FISHY' ON A ROSTI SEABED WITH A SURF OF HERBY MAYO
SERVES 2

For the salmon & ginger fishcakes
2 x 50z salmon fillet (boneless and skinless)
2 thumb-sized pieces fresh ginger, grated
2 limes (1 zest and 1/2 juice per salmon fillet)
1 red chilli, pricked with knife
8 spring onions, finely sliced
Rapeseed oil, for frying
For the mayonnaise
4-6 tbsp mayonnaise
Handful fresh parsley, chopped
Handful fresh dill, chopped
Juice ½ lime
Juice ½ lemon
For the rosti
4 potatoes, peeled
½ handful fresh parsley, chopped
2tbsp tinned sweetcorn
6tbsp coconut milk
Salt and pepper, to taste
Knob butter
Rapeseed oil, for frying
To serve
Slices fresh lime
Handful baby sweetcorn
Handful sugarsnap peas
Handful rocket leaves

For the fishcakes, start by finely slicing the salmon fillets and placing in a large bowl.

Add the ginger, lime zest and juice and combine well so that all the salmon is coated in the marinade. Cover the bowl with cling film and return to the fridge to marinate for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, make your rosti. Preheat the oven to 175°C. Peel and grate the potatoes. Place into a bowl and add salt to encourage the moisture to draw out. Set aside for a few minutes.

Place the grated potato in a clean tea towel and squeeze out the excess moisture. Do this again with another fresh tea towel so that the grated potato is as dry as possible.

Return to the clean, dry bowl then mix in the parsley, sweetcorn, coconut milk and seasoning. Combine well, using your hands, and set aside.

In a large frying pan, heat the butter and oil until hot. Place 4 shallow chefs rings in the pan and add the rosti mixture into each so they are around 1.5cm

thick (press the mixture down with a spoon so it holds together when you serve). Cook for 5 minutes or until golden brown on the bottom.

Carefully remove the ring and then turn the rosti to colour on the other side for another 5 minutes.

Place on a baking tray and finish in the oven for 5 minutes. Drain on kitchen paper to remove excess oil and serve.

While the rosti is cooking on the hob, return to the fishcakes. Fry the chilli and spring onions in a little oil until softened then set aside to cool.

Take the salmon mix from the fridge, remove the cling film then add the cooled chilli and spring onions, and stir well.

Using the same pan as you cooked your rosti in, wipe away any excess oil, gently heat and place the chef rings back in. Place the fishcake mixture into each ring, pressing down with a spoon so they are 3cm deep. After cooking for 3-4 minutes or golden on the bottom carefully turn (this time keeping the ring in place if possible to help hold its shape).

For the mayonnaise, combine the ingredients in a bowl and mix well.

To serve, place one rosti in the middle of each plate, top with a fishcake, repeat with another rosti and fishcake. Finish the final fishcake with a thin round of lime.

To one side add fresh rocket leaves, then raw baby sweetcorn and sugarsnap peas to the other.

Finally finish the dish with a dollop of the herby mayonnaise.



MY WEEKEND

WITH MATT TEBBUTT

Best weekend

I've just come from a food festival in Salcombe, Devon, where we had a fantastic weekend, getting family, friends and kids around tables. We all cooked. We got some crabs, lobsters and steaks and grilled them at the table. We spent hours and hours poring over this food, and the kids were there and were engaged and part of it.

Worst weekend

A very bad weekend would be a double shift in the restaurant on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In catering, work is relentless, so when you are working those sort of shifts there is a lot of pressure, because they are the busiest times of the week. You don't get any sleep, you get up early the next day, you are back in work and you collapse on the Monday morning. I much prefer my new life.

Weekend food

It would have a very simple dish. It would all be seasonal. One of the most memorable dishes I had was a simple green salad with fresh truffle grated over the top - that's quite decadent. Then simple roast chicken, lots of hors d'oeuvres, and then finally, a really good tart tatin and a good espresso.

Once soft, combine the garlic with the lemon juice. Set aside.

In a separate pan, heat a little olive oil. Once hot, add the chicken breasts skin-side down and cook until the skin starts to crisp and turns golden.

Meanwhile, add the potatoes and sweet potatoes to a pan of boiling salted water and simmer for 20 minutes until just cooked.

Put the garlic-lemon mix in a small pan and bring to the boil. Transfer the browned chicken breasts on to a baking tray then spoon the hot mix over the flesh.

Place the tray in the oven and continue to baste the chicken

with the lemon mix every 4 minutes till the chicken is cooked.

Once the potatoes are cooked, strain and place in a warm oven to dry out.

Combine the red chilli, lime juice and coriander and set aside.

Steam the mangetouts and baby sweetcorn until al dente.

Just before serving, take the potatoes out of the oven, pour over the chilli-lime mix and stir well, crushing the potatoes. Season to taste.

Remove the chicken from the oven and give it a final baste. Place on a warm plate, arrange the crushed potatoes around and delicately place the veg around.

THE ESSENTIALS DEMENTIA

There are 850,000 people living with dementia and 650,000 people caring for them in the UK. Many people, however, don't know where to turn for help. Dementia Awareness Week, which starts tomorrow, seeks to raise the profile of Alzheimer's disease, supporting people affected by dementia.

Christina Macdonald – author of *Dementia Care: A Guide* and online editor for *The Alzheimer's Show*, the UK's leading event for people living with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss – has come up with a series of top tips to help people understand and manage the condition...

Get to know dementia

Understand how the disease affects your loved one. The more you know, the better placed you will be to provide the care and support they need to come to terms with the illness. "When my mother was first diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, I thought dementia was mainly about memory loss," says Christina. "After reading about it, I realised it also affected a person's mood, language, ability to make decisions and ability to edit behaviour. It meant hurtful-sounding comments were no longer so upsetting, as I realised it was the disease talking."

Distract and deflect

If the person you are caring for begins to get frustrated or loses their temper, change the subject. Simple things such as offering them a cup of tea, commenting on the weather or changing the channel on the TV may distract them from something that is irritating them.

Always agree

There's no point in correcting a person with dementia when it comes to remembering events or occasions. Telling them an event happened last week and not yesterday or pointing out you'd said you'd arrive at midday instead of 1pm will only frustrate them. Peter Berry, who has Alzheimer's, says: "I put things in the wrong place. I don't want to be corrected. I find that degrading, if that's the right term. If I make a choice, and that choice is wrong, I don't want to be made to feel bad."

Avoid crowded environments

Mr Berry describes noisy restaurants or going out with a large group of people as challenging. Try to keep social occasions peaceful and don't surround the person with too many people at once. Multiple conversations going on simultaneously can cause confusion and frustration.

Have 'dementia-free' days at home

Joy Watson, who has Alzheimer's, says: "We have a rule in my house to have dementia-free days when dementia isn't mentioned. You have to be quite disciplined to do that but otherwise dementia takes over."

Make the most of the good days

Encourage the person to be active and social on days when they feel good. The more they can do, the happier and more fulfilled they will be. "Some days I can't think straight, but on a good day, I go out and about with a group of friends," says Ms Watson. "It's something I look forward to."

The Alzheimer's Show will be in London from 9-10 June and in Manchester from 23-24 June (alzheimersshow.co.uk)



= EXERCISE =

Good things come to those who weight

Strength training could help over-65s avoid the musculoskeletal conditions that are a leading cause of pain and disability as we age. **Siobhán Norton** investigates

It's a given that keeping fit as you age is important. Regular exercise is crucial for heart health, and a recent study published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine* revealed that regular exercise was also important for keeping the mind sharp – and that doesn't just mean a 10-minute walk in the park with the dog.

The NHS recommends that in addition to 150 minutes of moderate exercise a week, over-65s should also do "strength training two or more days a week to work all the major muscles (legs, hips,

back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms)".

The benefits of strength training are well-documented, but gyms still tend to be the preserve of younger generations, with older men and women instead opting for cardio exercise. In a survey of 2,000 over-65s, DW Fitness Clubs found that just over half (56 per cent) did not do the recommended two sessions of strength exercises each week, while 40 per cent do no strength exercise at all.

For women, strength training is particularly important, as it can help to improve bone density,

prevent osteoporosis and prevent falls in later life. Britain's oldest personal trainer, Eddy Diget (72), says that strength training is particularly crucial for women.

"Women aged 50-plus are most vulnerable to musculoskeletal conditions," he says. "They lose calcium in their bones and their joints become dry through lack of lubrication as they get older. Because of this lack of muscle density, the joints become 'sloppy' as the ligaments and tendons lose their elasticity and the bones and joints become unstable, just like the elastic in a bra will go first."

"But regular strength exercise will keep the muscles tight and joints lubricated, improving posture, flexibility, fitness and health."

While diabetes, cancers and heart conditions dominate the headlines when it comes to the nation's health, long-term musculoskeletal conditions are also a huge strain on the NHS budget.

"Musculoskeletal conditions are the leading causes of pain and disability in England, particularly osteoarthritis and back pain," the NHS chief medical officer's 2015 report stated. "These conditions accounted for the second-largest annual NHS clinical commissioning group budget spend of £4.7bn in 2013-14 and result in substantial productivity losses."

For those who don't fancy pumping iron, strength-training exercises vary far beyond the weights room. The NHS advises

Yoga and dance can build strength, as can heavy gardening such as digging and shovelling, or even lugging grocery bags



that bodyweight exercises, yoga and dance can all build strength, as well as heavy gardening such as digging and shovelling, or even lugging heavy grocery bags.

And it's never too late to start. Company director Ian Oliver, 56, is training for his first Ironman triathlon on 16 July and recently completed the Manchester marathon. "I believe keeping fit is an investment in later life and you won't enjoy old age if you're not healthy enough to enjoy it," he says. "I never thought I could swim, so I wanted to challenge myself to do something I've never done before."

If you don't exercise, Oliver says, "Ask yourself why not? Try it and you'll like it. Lose weight and keep healthy and your old age will reward you. Join a club to be around like-minded individuals. I joined a triathlon club and if all your friends are training, you're more than likely to follow suit."

Oliver insists he will keep going as long as he can. "I can't imagine slowing down any time soon."

LET'S GET PHYSICAL

NHS fitness guidelines for over-65s

- Older adults who participate in any amount of physical activity gain some health benefits, including maintenance of **good physical and cognitive function**.
- Older adults should aim to be active daily. Over a week, activity should add up to at least **150 minutes** (2½ hours) of moderate intensity activity in bouts of 10 minutes or more – one way to approach this is to do 30 minutes on at least five days a week.
- For those who are already regularly active at moderate intensity, comparable benefits

can be achieved through 75 minutes of **vigorous intensity** activity spread across the week or a combination of moderate and vigorous activity.

- Older adults should also undertake physical activity to improve **muscle strength** on at least two days a week.
- Older adults at risk of falls should incorporate physical activity to improve **balance and co-ordination** on at least two days a week.
- All older adults should minimise the amount of time spent being **sedentary** for extended periods.

= GARDENING =

Drive 'em wild

If you've gravelled or paved your front garden to make space for parking a car, it doesn't mean there's no room for plants, says **Graham Rice**



BUGLE

This is ideal for shady corners of the driveway. Out of the sun it will root into the soil beneath and as it spreads into the sun it will be naturally restrained. *Ajuga reptans* "Catlin's Giant" is especially good in this situation, as it's vigorous, recovers from the occasional trampling, and its large purple-bronze leaves look great.

COPPERY CARPET

The very small, evergreen rose-like foliage of *Acaena microphylla* "Kupferteppich" has a distinctive coppery colouring and makes a harmonious background for its other decorative feature: bristly red burrs.

COLOURFUL CREEPER

If there's one plant that appreciates gravel around its crown, *Erodium x variabile* "Roseum" must be it. Enjoying good drainage and plenty of sun, its stems creep out, carrying neat evergreen foliage and dark-veined pink flowers in spring and summer.

CALIFORNIAN COLOUR

Self-seeding annuals such as California poppies are great in driveways as they self-sow prolifically - making up for all the plants that are flattened by feet or tyres. Award-winning *Eschscholzia californica* "Dali" is neater than most, with vivid, golden-centred, rippled scarlet flowers.

GOLDEN SUMMER SHADE

Another plant for those shady corners of the driveway, and running over slabs, the neat yellow leaves of *Lysimachia nummularia* "Aurea" are lovely when they have moisture but when they do not, they shrivel. As with the bugle, it will tend to sneak into situations that suit it, but I find there's a balance to be struck: too much shade and leaves lose their brightness.

DON'T FORGET FORGET-ME-NOTS

Forget-me-nots (left) are well known as dependable plants to self-sow but those we see in gardens where they've been self-sowing for decades are often tall, sparse and small-flowered. Any forget-me-nots will eventually end up like that, but if you start with the best it will take a long time. *Myosotis sylvatica* "Bluesylva" is exceptionally prolific, with large flowers, and will flower happily in gravel and paving cracks.

COMPACT CRANESBILL

The shoots of *Geranium subcaulescens* strike out from a woody central crown but make a dense mound. The prettily divided foliage is nicely silvered and the flowers, well, they really are vivid. Vibrant crimson red in colour, with dark veins and an almost black eye, they're at their peak in May and June but flowers keep coming until autumn.

BLACK BEAUTY

One of my favourite gravel driveway plants, *Ophiopogon planiscapus* "Nigrescens" has two things going for it. Its long and slender black foliage looks wonderful against gravel, the pale brown setting off its colour perfectly. It also has a knack of extending itself under gravel and then popping new shoots through. The result is a steadily extending picture that recovers from trampling and which binds the gravel.

SUCCULENT SEDUM

Sedum spathulifolium "Purpureum" is happy anywhere that's sunny and well-drained, and its reddish succulent leaves, bloomed in white as they first open, make a low, spreading mat. The stems are a little fragile, but this generates new shoots which root through the gravel. Starry yellow summer flowers add to the appeal.

TIME FOR THYME

Creeping thyme has four features which make it especially suitable to driveways. First, it creeps low over stones and roots. Second, it takes footfall; not trampling, but a few daily steps. Next, when you step on it, there's the fragrance. And finally the colourful deep pink flowers of *Thymus Coccineus* Group open from darker buds and are a huge attraction for bees.

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DANCE

Paradise Lost
(Lies Unopened Beside Me)
Various venues
Ben Duke takes on Milton's epic poem, not to mention love, parenthood and the whole of creation, in this show. **Witham, Durham** (01833 631 107) tonight 8pm; **Amble Parish Hall, Morpeth** (01665 710 289) Sun 7.30pm



TALKS & POETRY

Whitstable Literary Festival
Whitstable Castle
Highlights include Michele Roberts, Jenny Uglow, Victoria Glendinning, Vanessa Nicolson and Robert Sackville West (above). (whitlit.co.uk) today and Sun

POP

Lowly
Various venues
Dream-pop introversion from the Danish outfit. **Broadcast, Glasgow** (seetickets.com) tonight; **Westgarth Social Club, Middlesbrough** (seetickets.com) Sun



WORLD MUSIC

Maarja Nuut
Howard Assembly Room, Leeds
The Estonian singer and fiddle player combines traditional tunes, songs and stories with live electronics. (0113 243 9999) tonight



COMEDY

Limmy Dundee Rep
The comedian made his mark in 2006 with a podcast, Limmy's World of Glasgow. Here he brings his piquant creations to the live stage. (01382 223530) Sun



FILM

Miss Sloane
15, John Madden, 132 mins
John Madden's new film boasts the most ferocious heroine imaginable – a devious, driven Washington lobbyist addicted to winning. The real pleasure comes from Jessica Chastain's performance. **Nationwide release**

Mindhorn
15, Sean Foley, 89 mins
A send-up of 1970s and 1980s action TV dramas like *The Professionals* and a celebration of them, with Julian Barratt from *The Mighty Boosh* starring as a washed-up television actor. **Nationwide release**

Frantz
12A, François Ozon, 114 mins
After the shock tactics of his early movies, François Ozon is in a reflective groove with this restrained melodrama, shot largely in black and white and set in a small German town just after the First World War. **Limited release**

Lady Macbeth
15, William Oldroyd, 88 mins
William Oldroyd's riveting debut plays like a cross between *Wuthering Heights* and *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, a film noir in the guise of a Victorian costume drama. Florence Pugh stars. **Limited release**

Jawbone
15, Thomas Napper, 91 mins
A boxer fallen on hard times is looking for redemption in a film that, despite its formulaic elements, has some robust character turns and an inventive and impressionistic cinematography. Johnny Harris stars. **Limited release**

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2
12A, James Gunn, 135 mins
The second *Guardians of the Galaxy* film is Marvel Studios near its best. It's a wildly entertaining ride in which the humour, action and soul-searching are blended almost perfectly. **Nationwide release**

MUSIC

POP
Jim Jones & the Righteous Mind
Plug, Sheffield
The slamming sermons of *Super Natural* reiterate Jim Jones's commitment to the punk-burlesque riff 'n' roll cause with riotous fervour. (ticketweb.co.uk) tonight

FOLK & ROOTS
Daphne's Flight
Various venues
Christine Collister, Melanie Harrold, Julie Matthews, Helen Watson and Chris White regroup. *The Pavillion, Hailsham* (01323 841414) tonight; *Sun Hotel, Hitchin* (01462 812391) Sun

CLASSICAL
Takacs Quartet
Wigmore Hall, London W1
The Grammy Award-winning foursome offer three programmes of Beethoven string quartets. (020 7935 2141) Sun, Mon and Wed 7.30pm

CLASSICAL
London Festival of Baroque Music
St John's Smith Square and Westminster Abbey, London SW1
Highlights include Elin Manahan Thomas singing Telemann's *Ino cantata* tonight. (020 7222 1061) to 20 May

POP
The Cribbs
Institute, Birmingham
The punk powerhouses revisit the melodic riff-pop ruckus of their breakout third album, *Men's Needs, Women's Needs, Whatever*. (gigsandtours.com) tonight

WORLD MUSIC
Orchestra Baobab
Jazz Café, London NW1
The mighty west African band bring their first new album in a decade, a tribute to Ndiouga Dieng, one of the band's original vocalists. (020 7485 6834) tonight and Sun

JAZZ
Partisans
Vortex Jazz, London N16
The live shows by the ferociously energetic British band, who first hit the stage in 1996, are masterclasses in group improvisation. (020 7254 4097) tonight and Sun

WORLD MUSIC
Songhai
Barbican, London EC2
Malian kora player Toumani Diabaté reunites with Juan and Josemi Carmona and Javier Colina of the flamenco band Ketama to perform Songhai, their classic 1988 album. (020 7638 4141) tonight

OPERA
L'incoronazione di Poppea
Jacksons Lane, London N6
Hampstead Garden Opera marks Monteverdi's 450th anniversary with this production. (0800 411 8881) tonight 7.30pm and Sun 4pm

TOP FIVE FILMS

1
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL.2
12A
Walt Disney

2
A DOG'S PURPOSE
PG
Entertainment One

3
FAST AND FURIOUS 8
12A
Universal

4
THE BOSS BABY
U
20th Century Fox

5
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
PG
Walt Disney

TOP FIVE BOOKS

1
INTO THE WATER
Paula Hawkins
Doubleday

2
THE GIRLS
Emma Cline
Vintage

3
TOM GATES: FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FURRY CREATURES
Liz Pichon
Scholastic

4
THE ESSEX SERPENT
Sarah Perry
Profile

5
THE DURRELLS OF CORFU
Michael Haag
Profile

ONE TO WATCH

SUKANYA
Soprano Susanna Hurrell stars as the princess forced to choose between three identical suitors, two divine and one mortal, in Ravi Shankar's only opera, jointly completed by his daughter Anoushka and his longtime collaborator David Murphy, who conducts the BBC Singers and London Philharmonic Orchestra, supplemented by an Indian ensemble. Lowry, Salford (0843 208 6000) Sun 7.30pm; Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021 780 3333) Mon 7.30pm; Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (020 7960 4200) Fri 7.30pm

COMEDY

Knock2Bag 10th Birthday Bash
Rich Mix, London E1
A cracking bill includes Richard Gadd, John Kearns, Tim Key, Sara Pascoe, Cardinal Burns and Jayde Adams. (knock2bag.co.uk) tonight

London Clown Festival
Hornsey Town Hall, London N8
The festival of physical comedy and theatre inspired by clowning continues. (londonclownfest.co.uk) to 21 May

DANCE

Mayerling
Royal Opera House, London WC2
Last chance to catch the Royal Ballet revival of Kenneth MacMillan's dark tale. (020 7304 4000) today 1.30pm and 7pm

Breakin' Convention
Theatre Royal, Norwich
The hip-hop dance festival is back with a strong international line-up. (01603 630 000) tonight 7.30pm



BILL COOPER

TOP FIVE SINGLES

1

DESPACITO

Luis Fonsi/Daddy Yankee/Justin Bieber
Polydor

2

I'M THE ONE

DJ Khaled/Justin Bieber/Quavo/Chance Black Butter/
We The Best

3

SYMPHONY

Clean Bandit
ft Zara Larsson
Atlantic

4

SHAPE OF YOU

Ed Sheeran
Asylum

5

THERE'S NOTHING

HOLDIN' ME BACK
Shawn Mendes
EMI



TOP FIVE ALBUMS

1

FOR CRYING

OUT LOUD
Kasabian
Columbia

2

DIVIDE

Ed Sheeran
Asylum

3

HUMAN

Rag'n'Bone Man
Best Laid Plans

4

POLLINATOR

Blondie
BMG

5

HUMANZ

Gorillaz
Parlophone



Alice Jones

THE WEEK IN ARTS

And the Bafta should go to...

It's the Baftas tomorrow and this year, the awards ceremony will look slightly, but significantly, different. They will have a female host, in the shape of Sue Perkins, who takes over from Graham Norton. That aside, it will be the usual parade of chilly red-carpet posing and overlong speeches. Here are my predictions of who will win versus who should win in the main categories.

Leading actor

Excellent though they both were, Adeel Akhtar (*Murdered by My Father*) and Babou Ceesay (*Damilola, Our Loved Boy*) are unlikely to eclipse Benedict Cumberbatch – the starry choice, though *The Hollow Crown* was possibly not his finest moment – or Robbie Coltrane, whose sleazy, washed-up TV comedian in *National Treasure* will win, and should win.

Leading actress

It is the rule of awards ceremonies that if you play the monarch, you leave with the crown. The gong will almost certainly go to Claire Foy's Queen in *The Crown*, though Sarah Lancashire for *Happy Valley* would be an excellent choice. But no nods for Vicky McClure in *Line of Duty* or Olivia Colman in *The Night Manager*? For shame!

Drama series

Will the jury go for epic (*The Crown*, *War & Peace*) gritty (*Happy Valley*) or cosy (*The Durrells*)? I suspect *War & Peace* will just pip *The Crown*. In the mini-series category, *The Witness for the Prosecution* has all the things juries like – stellar cast, beautiful design period setting, smog – but for sheer hard-hitting topicality, *National Treasure* must win. Either way, Andrea Riseborough will be happy.

Male performance in a comedy

This is a two-horse race between Asim Chaudhry's glorious

gangster Chabuddy G in *People Just Do Nothing* and Steve Coogan in *Alan Partridge's Scissored Isle*, which made me laugh more than anything on TV last year. Chabuddy G might edge it and that would be just fine.

Female performance in a comedy

What a line-up, though I'd have loved to have seen Zawe Ashton's Vod given a nod for *Fresh Meat*. It seems unlikely Olivia Colman will win for *Fleabag* (though her evil stepmother was delicious) when *Fleabag* herself, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, is in the running. Diane Morgan's Philomena Cunk and Lesley Manville Mum are two of my favourites, but this is Waller-Bridge's year.

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Scripted comedy

Both excellent, but *Camping* and *Flowers* would be off-the-wall choices. So it looks like a battle between the mockumentary *People Just Do Nothing* and comedy/drama *Fleabag*. As above, it's *Fleabag*'s year.

Specialist factual

Also known as the National Treasure category, in which Alan Bennett, Grayson Perry and David Attenborough face off. Obviously it's going to be Attenborough, for the snakes chasing iguanas alone.

Entertainment programme

Strictly Come Dancing should and will win, as last year's series really captured the imagination. Too late to add in a new category for Single Most Entertaining Thing of 2017? Ed Balls deserves every award under the sun for that Charleston.

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BOOKING AHEAD

MIXED ARTS

Latitude
Henham Park, Southwold
Music highlights include Mumford and Sons and Goldfrapp, while Dara O Briain leads the comedy line. (latitude festival.com) 13 to 16 Jul

TALKS

Wimpole
History Festival
Wimpole Estate, Cambridgeshire
The line-up includes Chris Patten, Stephen Poliakoff, Lucy Worsley and David Olusoga. (01223 357 851) 7 to 9 Jul

VISUAL ARTS

Basquiat: Boom for Real
Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2
The first large-scale exhibition in the UK of the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat. (020 7638 8891) 21 Sept to 28 Jan

THEATRE

Cyrano

Viaduct, Halifax
Christian Edwards plays the lovelorn hero with energy in Deborah McAndrew's version of Edmond Rostand's play. (01422 255 266) ends tonight

Mamma Mia!

Milton Keynes Theatre
The touring version of Phyllida Lloyd's production of the Abba tribute musical is as fast-moving as ever. (atgtickets.com) to 20 May

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Harold Pinter Theatre, London SW1
James Madonald's staging of Edward Albee's play. (0844 871 7627) to 27 May

My Country: a Work in Progress

Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh
A collaboration between Carol Ann Duffy and the National Theatre's Rufus Norris. (0131 228 1404) ends tonight

Pygmalion

Nuffield Theatre, Southampton
Bernard Shaw's play, now more than 100 years old, still has so much to say about British society. (023 8067 1771) ends tonight

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Gielgud Theatre, London W1
The National Theatre's adaptation of Mark Haddon's cult novel. (0844 482 5130) to 3 Jun

VISUAL ARTS

Joan Eardley:

A Sense of Place
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh
Paintings, drawings, sketches and photographs. (0131 624 6200) to 21 May

Bacon to Doig:

Modern Masterpieces from a Private Collection
National Museum, Cardiff
Free show of key British works. (0300 111 2333) to 31 Jan

Bruegel:

Defining a Dynasty
Holburne Museum, Bath
The UK's first exhibition devoted to Antwerp's artistic family. (01225 388569) to 4 Jun

Victor Pasmore:

Towards a New Reality
Pallant House, Chichester
A show focusing on the period 1930 to 1969. (01243 774557) to 11 Jun

Skin

Ferens Art Gallery, Hull
An exploration of the nude and how the depiction of skin continues to fascinate today. (01482 300 300) to 13 Aug

Artist Rooms:

Martin Creed
Harris Museum & Art Gallery, Preston
Pieces from across the Turner Prize winner's career. (harrismuseum.org.uk) to 3 Jun

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Fifa Player of the Year Carli Lloyd will play in the Women's FA Cup Final, 5pm, BBC2

Live Women's FA Cup Final 5pm, BBC2

Interest in the female game is booming, not least because of the live exposure offered by BBC2 at a time when most of live men's club football has migrated to pay TV. At Wembley today, women's answer to Ronaldo, two-time World Player of the Year Carli Lloyd, will be in the Manchester City side facing Birmingham City.

Doctor Who 7.15pm, BBC1

The latest series is so much more inclusive and shows a lightness of touch that's been missing from recent rather gloomy fan-centric seasons. "Oxygen" by Jamie Mathieson even has

the chutzpah to open with Peter Capaldi's Doctor intoning the words, "Space... the final frontier", before explaining to his students how humans would die if left unprotected beyond the Earth's atmosphere. There follows a space-zombie adventure lightly dusted with a critique of liberal capitalism and some good jokes.

Yorkshire Wolds Way With Paul Rose 7.30pm, BBC2

Polar explorer Paul Rose, last seen on BBC2 trudging the South West Coastal Path, now strikes out on the lesser-known national trail of the 79-mile Yorkshire Wolds Way. Starting at the Humber Bridge, Rose bumps into a family

of penny-farthing riders (who allow their nervous guest to have a go) and meets the winner of the Kiplingcotes Derby, Britain's oldest annual horse race, whose mount triumphed after basically bolting the entire four miles.



Eurovision Song Contest 2017 8pm, BBC1

Theresa May has been managing our expectations by joking that Brexit might spoil Lucie Jones's chances of winning (I'm hoping to see Jean-Claude Juncker popping up as Luxembourg's results announcer), despite the possible interpretation of Jones's ditty, 'Never Give Up On You', as a Remain lament. But then, even Ed Sheeran couldn't rescue the

UK in a contest in which Italy are favourites to suck up the points with a song about cultural understanding (plus a man in a gorilla suit), while Russia has of course said "nyet" to this year's competition (its singer was banned from entering host nation Ukraine). Over to Graham Norton.

Hinterland 9pm, BBC4

The sun is shining, DCI Tom Mathias has a spring in his step and is whistling a merry tune... No, of course not. The Welsh skies are still leaden, Mathias (Richard Harrington) is still staring balefully at everyone as if they'd just dragged mud into his house, and bookies are taking 100-1

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	BBC4	FILM4	ITV2
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S). 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S). 11.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites (R) (S). 12.00 Football Focus (S). 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S). 1.15 Bargain Hunt (R) (S). 1.45 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Castleford Tigers vs St Helens. Kick-off is at 2.30pm (S). 4.30 Final Score (S). 5.20 Who Dares Wins (S).	6.40 FILM: God's Little Acre (Anthony Mann 1958) (S). 8.25 Talking Pictures: Hollywood Actresses (R) (S). 9.10 FILM: The Glass Bottom Boat (Frank Tashlin 1966) Romantic comedy, starring Doris Day (S). 11.00 Monty Hall's Great Hebridean Escape (R) (S). 12.00 Great British Menu (R) (S). 12.30 Great British Menu (R) (S). 1.00 Great British Menu (R) (S). 1.30 Escape To The Country (R) (S). 2.15 Flog It! (S). 3.00 Trust Me, I'm A Vet (R) (S). 4.00 Gardeners' World (R) (S). 5.00 Live Women's FA Cup Final Birmingham City Ladies vs Manchester City Women. Kick-off is at 5.15pm (S).	6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S). 8.30 Weekend (S). 9.25 The Home Game (R) (S). 10.20 Judge Rinder (R) (S). 11.20 Tipping Point (R) (S). 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S). 12.30 Bigheads (R) (S). 1.30 FILM: The Man In The Iron Mask (Randall Wallace 1998) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Leonardo DiCaprio (S). 4.00 Paul O'Grady: For The Love Of Dogs (R) (S). 4.30 Catchphrase (R) (S). 5.45 Britain's Got More Talent (S).	6.15 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup (S). 6.45 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship (S). 7.10 The King Of Queens (R) (S). 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 8.25 Frasier (R) (S). 8.55 Frasier (R) (S). 9.25 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S). 10.25 The Simpsons (R) (S). 10.55 The Simpsons (R) (S). 11.25 The Simpsons (R) (S). 11.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) (S). 12.50 Come Dine With Me (S). 2.55 A Place In The Sun: Summer Sun (R) (S). 3.55 Big House, Little House (S). 5.00 Channel 4 News (S). 5.30 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights (S).	6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents (R) (S). 10.30 Access (R) (S). 10.35 The Gadget Show (R) (S). 11.30 Police Interceptors (R) (S). 12.30 Police Interceptors (R) (S). 1.30 Police Interceptors (R) (S). 2.30 FIA Formula E Live: Monaco The fifth round of the season (S). 4.45 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (R) (S). 5.45 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (R) (S).	 Explorer Paul Rose continues his domestic treks, as he takes to the 'Yorkshire Wolds Way' 7.30pm, BBC2	 Graham Norton hosts 'Eurovision' coverage 8pm, BBC1	6.00 Kelly Clarkson: The Hot Desk (R) (S). 6.10 Emmerdale (S). 6.30 Coronation Street (S). 11.00 Britain's Got Talent (R) (S). 12.15 Britain's Got More Talent (R) (S). 1.15 Take Me Out (R) (S). 2.30 Take Me Out - The Gossip (R) (S). 3.30 You've Been Framed! Gold And Famous (R) (S). 4.30 FILM: The Smurfs (Raja Gosnell 2011) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris (S). 5.30 FYI Daily 5.35 FILM: The Smurfs (Raja Gosnell 2011) Concluded (S).
6PM	6.05 BBC News (S). 6.15 BBC Regional News; Weather (S). 6.25 Pointless Celebrities (S).		6.15 ITV Regional News; Weather (S). 6.25 ITV News; Weather (S). 6.45 Take Me Out Dating game (S).		6.10 5 News Weekend (S). 6.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Two agents face death threats (R) (S).			6.35 FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (Steve Bendelack 2007) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson (S).
7PM	7.15 Doctor Who The Tardis crew battles an evil force on board a space station (S).	7.30 Yorkshire Wolds Way With Paul Rose Part one of two. Exploring one of Britain's least well-known walking trails (S).		7.00 The Restoration Man A couple in Harrogate seeking to convert a Sunday school building (S).	7.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away The officers chase up nearly £50,000 in unpaid rent (S).	7.00 Nature's Great Events The annual melting of Arctic sea ice (R) (S).	6.50 FILM: I, Robot (Alex Proyas 2004) Sci-fi thriller, starring Will Smith (S).	7.35 FYI Daily 7.40 FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (Steve Bendelack 2007) Concluded (S).
8PM	8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2017 The music contest's Grand Final, broadcast live from Kiev, Ukraine (S).	8.00 Dad's Army (R) (S). 8.30 FILM: Woman In Gold (Simon Curtis 2015) Premiere. Drama, starring Helen Mirren (S).	8.00 Britain's Got Talent Ant and Dec host the fifth round of auditions (S).	8.00 Walks With My Dog New series. Celebrities explore the British outdoors while walking their dogs (S).	8.00 NCIS Tony's identity is stolen by fraudsters seeking to blackmail US senators (S).	8.00 Masters Of The Pacific Coast: The Tribes Of The American Northwest (R) (S).		8.20 Scorpion A catastrophic tunnel fire breaks out on the day of Toby and Happy's wedding (S).
9PM	In every weekday TV, Film & Radio guide PLUS our critics' choices		9.20 The Keith And Paddy Picture Show (S). 9.50 FILM: The Mask (Charles Russell 1994) Comic-book comedy (S).	9.00 FILM: 12 Years A Slave (Steve McQueen 2013) Oscar-winning period drama, with Chiwetel Ejiofor (S).	9.00 NCIS Gibbs and TC Fornell hunt two British fugitives (S). 9.55 NCIS: Los Angeles (S).	9.00 Hinterland The body of a curator is discovered in a shallow grave in remote woodland (S).	9.00 FILM: Salt (Phillip Noyce 2010) Action thriller starring Angelina Jolie and Liev Schreiber (S).	9.20 Britain's Got More Talent Stephen Mulhern hosts the companion show (S).
10PM		10.10 Match Of The Day Including highlights of Manchester City v Leicester City at the Etihad Stadium (S).	10.45 ITV News; Weather (S).		10.50 Moors Murders: Britain's Worst Crime The crimes of Myra Hindley and Ian Brady (R) (S).	10.25 Top Of The Pops: 1983 Featuring Musical Youth, Adam Ant, Eurythmics, the Cure, Limahl and Billy Joel (R) (S).		10.20 Celebrity Juice With Phillip Schofield, Ore Oduba and Chris Ramsey (R) (S).
11PM	11.25 BBC News; Weather (S). 11.45 FILM: Fallen (Gregory Hoblit 1998) Thriller, with Denzel Washington (S).	11.30 Versailles King Louis XIV plans to send an army into the Netherlands (R) (S).	11.00 FILM: The Mask (Charles Russell 1994) Concluded (S).	11.35 FILM: AVP: Alien Vs Predator (Paul W.S. Anderson 2004) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sanaa Lathan (S).	11.45 Criminals: Caught On Camera The use of CCTV to fight crime (R) (S).	11.00 Top Of The Pops: 1983 (R) (S). 11.35 The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill The singer's career (R) (S).	11.00 FILM: The Haunting (Jan De Bont 1999) Horror remake, starring Liam Neeson (S).	11.20 Family Guy Peter and the guys try to make a viral video (R) (S). 11.50 Family Guy (R) (S).
LATE	1.50 BBC News (S).	12.30 FILM: Thérèse Desqueyroux (Claude Miller 2012) Drama, starring Audrey Tautou (S). 2.15 This Is BBC Two (S).	12.00 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing The Dishes? (R) (S). 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	1.20 Hollyoaks (R) (S). 3.30 Location, Location, Location (R) (S). 4.25 Building The Dream (S). 5.20 Fifteen To One (R) (S).	12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Top 20 Funniest (S). 4.00 Criminals: Caught On Camera (R) (S). 4.50 House Doctor (R) (S). 5.45 Wildlife SOS (R) (S). 5.40 Angels Of Jarm (R) (S). 5.50 Roary The Racing Car (R) (S).	12.35 Kate Bush At The BBC (R) (S). 1.35 Singer-Songwriters At The BBC (R) (S). 2.35 The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill (R) (S). 3.40 Close	1.10 FILM: Fright Night (Tom Holland 1985) Comedy horror, starring Roddy McDowall (S). 3.25 Close	12.20 Family Guy (R) 12.45 FILM: American Pie (Paul Weitz 1999) (S). 1.45 FYI Daily 1.50 FILM: American Pie (Paul Weitz 1999) (S). 2.35 Nick Jonas: The Hot Desk (R). 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 Nightscreen

against him cracking a smile before the end of the series. We wouldn't have it any other way. As the over-arching Iwan Thomas storyline reaches a dramatic juncture (his car is spotted at popular suicide spot Devil's Bridge), the case of the week involves a young artist's model found buried in a plastic sheet.

The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill

11.35pm, BBC4

If Eurovision hasn't sated your appetite for theatrical pop songs rendered by alarmingly dressed performers, here's another chance to catch this documentary about Bexleyheath's most famous daughter (though Delia Smith may want to contest that claim).

FILM CHOICE LAURENCE PHELAN



Chiwetel Ejiofor (centre) stars as Solomon Northup in '12 Years a Slave', 9pm, Channel 4

Field Of Dreams

1pm, Film4
(Phil Alden Robinson, 1989)
An Iowa farmer (Kevin Costner) who mourns the passing of his father, a former baseball player, hears a voice telling him that if he builds a baseball pitch in his cornfield, then "he will come". Despite the whimsy of its premise, this is a stirring, even poetic, film about fathers and sons and their dreams as much as it is about baseball.

Kind Hearts And Coronets

4.50pm, TCM
(Robert Hamer, 1949)
Eating Studios' only period comedy is a delicious, Hitchcockian serial-killer romp

and a deft class satire in which a poor and distant relative of the aristocratic D'Ascoyne family plots to murder all eight of the heirs ahead of him in line to the dukedom. Alec Guinness famously plays each of the D'Ascoynes, but Dennis Price is equally impressive and sly in the lead role.

12 Years A Slave

9pm, Channel 4
(Steve McQueen, 2013)
McQueen's stunning adaptation of the 1853 memoir of one Solomon Northup is surely the most unflinching, precise and harrowing slave narrative ever put on film. Chiwetel Ejiofor stars as Solomon, who spends 12 years witness and subject to the full range of

degrading and violent treatment that an immoral legal system permits his owners (Benedict Cumberbatch and Michael Fassbender) to dispense.

Thérèse Desqueyroux

12.30am, BBC2
(Claude Miller, 2012)
An even-tempered adaptation of the 1927 François Mauriac novel, which begins with scenes full of the bucolic charm of 1920s rural south-west France, but withdraws into gloomy interiors as Thérèse's marriage to a dull landowner wears on, and she is increasingly stifled by the patriarchy and the imperative to maintain her family's good name. Audrey Tautou and Gilles Lellouche star.

ITV3

6.00 In Loving Memory (R) (S) 7.15 Murder, She Wrote (R) (S) 8.10 Murder, She Wrote (R) (S) 9.15 The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes (R) (S) 10.20 FILM: Columbo: Suitable For Framing (Hy Averback 1971) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk (S). 12.05 FILM: Carry On At Your Convenience (Gerald Thomas 1971) Comedy, starring Sid James (S). 1.10 FV1 Daily 1.15 FILM: Carry On At Your Convenience (Gerald Thomas 1971) Concluded (S). 2.00 Lewis (R) (S). 4.00 Lewis (R) (S) 5.55 Rosemary & Thyme (R) (S).

E4

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube (R) (S) 6.30 How I Met Your Mother (R) (S) 7.20 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (R) (S) 8.20 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 8.50 Made In Chelsea (R) (S) 10.00 Melissa & Joey (R) (S) 10.30 Melissa & Joey (R) (S) 11.00 Melissa & Joey (R) (S) 11.30 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 12.30 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 1.30 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 2.00 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 2.30 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 3.00 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 3.30 FILM: The Spy Next Door (Brian Levant 2010) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan (S) 5.30 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S).

MORE 4

8.55 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 9.30 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 9.55 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 10.30 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 11.00 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 11.35 Location, Location, Location (R) (S). 12.35 Coast Vs Country (R) (S) 1.40 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 2.10 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 2.40 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 3.15 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 3.50 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 4.20 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 4.50 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 5.25 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 5.55 Come Dine With Me (R) (S).

SKY 1

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew (R) (S) 6.50 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew (R) (S) 7.45 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (R) (S) 8.15 Game Changers (R) (S) 8.45 The Fantasy Football Club 9.45 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League Pre-match build-up to Manchester City vs Leicester City 12.30 The F1 Show (R) 1.00 Supergirl (R) (S) 2.00 The Flash (R) (S) 3.00 MacGyver 4.00 Live European Rugby Champions Cup Clermont Auvergne v Saracens (kick-off 5.00pm)

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (R) (S) 7.00 Fish Town (R) (S) 8.00 Fish Town (R) (S) 9.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 10.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 11.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 12.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 1.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 2.00 Cold Case (R) (S) 3.00 Cold Case (R) (S) 4.00 House (R) (S) 5.00 House (R) (S).

RADIO LISTINGS

BBC Radio 1

6am Dev 10.00 A Dot 1pm Alice Levine 4.00 Radio 1's Dance Anthems With Danny Howard 7.00 Mistaljam. Underground dance music. 10.00 The Rap Show With Charlie Sloth 1am DJ Target 4.00 Diplo And Friends

BBC Radio 1Xtra

6am Mim Shaikh 10.00 Nick Bright 1pm Jamz Supernova 4.00 Trevor Nelson 7.00 Mistaljam 10.00 The Rap Show With Charlie Sloth 1am DJ Target 4.00 Diplo And Friends

BBC Radio 2

6am Sounds Of The 60s 8.00 Saturday Breakfast With Dermot 10.00 Graham Norton 1pm Pick Of The Pops 3.00 Suzi Perry 6.00 JJJ Halfpenny 8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2017 11.00 Ana Matronic's Disco Devotion 2am Radio 2's Showtunes Playlist 3.00 Radio Playlists: Love Songs 4.00 Radio 2 Playlist: Easy 5.00 Huey On Sunday

BBC Radio 3

7am Breakfast 9.00 News 9.03 Record Review 12.15pm Music Matters 1.00 News 1.02 Saturday Classics 3.00 Sound Of Cinema 4.00 Jazz Record Requests 5.00 Jazz Line-Up 6.00 Opera On 3: Monteverdi 4.50. A recording of L'incoronazione di Poppea, Monteverdi's final opera. 10.00 Hear And Now 12midn't Geoffrey Smith's Jazz 1.00 Through The Night

BBC Radio 4

6am News And Papers 6.07 Open Country 6.30 Farming Today This Week 6.57 Weather 7.00 Today 9.00 Saturday Live 10.30 Less Is Less: Why Scandinavian Design Leaves Me Cold 11.00 Political Thinking With Nick Brown 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12noon News 12.04 Money Box 12.30 The News Quiz 12.57 Weather 1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? 2.00 Any Answers? 2.30 Drama: The Forsytes Concludes 4.00 Weekend Woman's Hour 5.00 Saturday PM 5.30 IPM 5.54 Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.15 Loose Ends. With Graham Linehan, Frances Barber, Dominic Dromgoole, MF Robots and Eivor. 7.00 Profile 7.15 Saturday Review 8.00 Archive On 4: Blinded By War 9.00 Drama: Tsar 10.00 News And Weather 10.15 FutureProofing 11.00 Brain Of Britain 11.30 Poetry Please 12midn't News And Weather 12.30 Short Works 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As BBC World Service 5.20 Shipping Forecast 5.30 News Briefing 5.43 Bells On Sunday 5.45 Profile

BBC Radio 4 LW

12.01pm Shipping Forecast

BBC Radio 4 Extra

6am This Happy Breed 7.30 Strictly Dancehall 8.00 Archive On 4: Peter And The Wolf 9.00 Isy Suttie's Guide To The Family 12noon Girls 12.30 An Actor's Life For Me 1.00 Tinselt Girl And The Support Worker Omnibus 2.10 Inheritance Tracks 2.15 Frankly Speaking 2.45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe 3.00 Archive On 4: Peter And The Wolf 4.00 This Happy Breed 5.30 Strictly Dancehall 6.00 A Haunting 6.45 The Smell 7.00 Isy Suttie's Guide To The Family 10.00 Comedy Club: Saturday Night Fry 10.30 Comedy Club: Alex Horne Presents The Home Section 11.00 Comedy Club: Lee And Herring's East Of Fun 11.30 Comedy Club: Mark Watson Makes The World Substantially Better 12midn't A Haunting 12.45 The Smell 1.00 Tinselt Girl And The Support Worker Omnibus 2.10 Inheritance Tracks 2.15 Frankly Speaking 2.45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe 3.00 Archive On 4: Peter And The Wolf 4.00 This Happy Breed 5.30 Strictly Dancehall

BBC 5 Live

6am Saturday Breakfast 9.00 The Danny Baker Show 11.00 Fighting Talk 12noon 5 Live Sport 12.30 5 Live Sport: Premier League Football 2016-17 3.00 5 Live Sport: 3.00 5 Live Sport: Premier League Football 2016-17. Coverage of the 3pm football kick-offs in the Premier League. 5.00 Sports Report 5.30 5 Live Sport. Updates on Stoke City vs Arsenal in the Premier League. 7.30 5 Live Sport: Football phone-in with Jason Mohammad and Robbie Savage. 8.30 Kermode And Mayo's Film Review 9.30 Stephen Nolan 12midn't 5 Live In Short 1.00 Up All Night 5.00 5 Live Science

BBC 6 Music

7am Mary Anne Hobbs 10.00 The Huey Show 1pm Liz Kershaw 3.00 Gilles Peterson 6.00 The Craig Charles Funk And Soul Show 9.00 Tom Robinson 12midn't Stuart Maconie's Freakier Zone 1.00 The Joy Of 6 2.00 6 Music Recommends 3.00 6 Music Live Hour 4.00 The Atlantic Records Story 5.00 Chris Hawkins

Classic FM

7am Alan Titchmarsh 10.00 Bill Turnbull 1pm Alexander Armstrong 3.00 Nicholas Owen 5.00 Saturday Night At The Movies 7.00 Alex James's Date Night 9.00 High Score With Jessica Curry 10.00 Smooth Classics 1am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Jane Jones

Absolute Radio

8am Frank Skinner 11.00 OJ Borg 3pm Rob Beckett 6.00 Andy Bush's Indie Disco 8.00 Absolute Classic Rock Party With Claire Sturges 11.00 Alex Baker 4am George Godfrey

Heart

6am JK And Lucy 10.00 Matt Wilkinson 1pm James Stewart 5.00 Emma Bunton 7.00 Club Classics 1am Anna Johnson

TalkSPORT

6am Seven Days Of Talksport 7.00 Georgie Bingham And Tony Cascarino 11.00 Warm Up 1pm Match Day Live 7.30 The Full Time Phone-in With Danny Kelly 10.00 The Late Tackle 12midn't Extra Time

PICKS OF THE DAY

Drama: The Forsytes Concludes

2.30pm, BBC Radio 4

John Galsworthy's family saga returns for an eight-part swansong, as Fleur (Jessica Raine, left) helps Dinny Cherrell, her husband's cousin, out of a troublesome situation.

Comedy Club: Saturday Night Fry

10pm, BBC Radio 4 Extra
Julia Hills and Jim Broadbent, as well as long-term collaborator Hugh Laurie, are among the guests lending their voices to this episode of Stephen Fry's 1988 sketch show which, it has to be said, was rather ahead of its time.

Sunday television & radio

CRITIC'S CHOICE GERARD GILBERT



Joanna Lumley receives a Fellowship in 'British Academy Television Awards 2017', 8pm, BBC1

British Academy Television Awards 2017 8pm, BBC1

"Triumph for the TV shows never shown on TV" was a recent headline to a story about this year's Bafta nominations, and indeed *The Crown's* leading tally of five nods should prove a good advertisement for online-only broadcaster Netflix – although both *Fleabag* and *Thirteen*, while originating online with BBC3, eventually found their way subsequently on to 'proper telly' via BBC1. Hugh Laurie in the Supporting Actor category aside, the omission of *The Night Manager* was the other shortlist eyebrow-raiser, while Joanna Lumley receives a deserved Bafta

Fellowship – and host Sue Perkins may have to do a quick flit if *The Great British Bake Off* receives a valedictory Bafta.

Mexico: Earth's Festival Of Life 8pm, BBC2

In Mexico's Yucatan peninsula it barely rains for six months of the year – hardly propitious conditions for a great civilization like the Mayans. So how did they water their crops? The answer turns out to be a vast network of underground tunnels and wells known as "cenotes". The wildlife, meanwhile, has to find other ways of getting a drink, and the ever-patient camera team captures life and death at the

fast-depleting waterhole as jaguars, crocodiles, monkeys and brightly coloured tropical birds compete for sipping space.

The Durrells 8pm, ITV

Enter Una Stubbs as a visiting friend of Aunt Hermione (Barbara Flynn), claiming to be a medium who can contact Louisa's late husband. The whole family is closeted in the (it turns out) leaky house during a two-day thunderstorm.


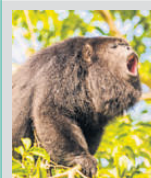

Dara And Ed's Road To Mandalay 9pm, BBC2

If the title is supposed to suggest a Bob Hope/Bing Crosby road movie,

then comedians Dara O Briain and Ed Byrne need to up their game, although I suspect the steamy heat of South-east Asia is taking it out of the Irishmen somewhat. This week they're in Thailand – a country that, by this account, is being ruined by the mass tourism that has seen visitor number rise from 10 to 30 million in just 15 years. The resulting pollution is turning the beach mecca of Phuket "into the Titanic", according to a local eco-activist.

The Island With Bear Grylls 9pm, Channel 4

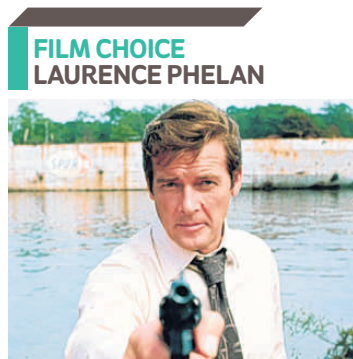
A tropical island yet to be submerged in mass tourism is the one that been inhabited (barely) for the past four weeks by the

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	BBC4	FILM4	ITV2
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.35 Match Of The Day (R) (S) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 The Big Questions (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (R) (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Homes Under The Hammer (R) (S) 2.15 Money For Nothing (R) (S) 3.00 Flog It! (R) (S) 4.00 Points Of View (S) 4.15 Escape To The Country (R) (S) 5.15 Songs Of Praise (S) 5.50 Pointless Celebrities (R) (S)	6.30 The Instant Gardener (R) (S) 7.15 Gardeners' World (R) (S) 8.15 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 8.45 Countryfile (R) (S) 9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.15 Great British Menu (R) (S) 11.45 Great British Menu (R) (S) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 Triathlon World Series: Yokohama Highlights (S) 2.30 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Warrington Wolves vs Widnes Vikings. Kick-off is at 3pm (S) 5.00 Athletics: Diamond League Shanghai Highlights (S)	6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 Countrywise (R) (S) 10.00 Peston On Sunday (S) 11.00 Judge Rinder (R) (S) 11.55 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.10 Tipping Point (R) (S) 1.10 Who's Doing The Dishes? (R) (S) 2.05 The Chase (R) (S) 3.05 Britain's Got Talent (R) (S) 4.20 FILM: Live And Let Die (Guy Hamilton 1973) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore (S)	6.15 The King Of Queens (R) (S) 6.40 The King Of Queens (R) (S) 7.05 The King Of Queens (R) (S) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) 8.25 Frasier (R) (S) 8.55 Frasier (R) (S) 9.30 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.30 Eat The Week (S) 1.30 FILM: Dr Dolittle (Betty Thomas 1998) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy (S) 3.10 Location, Location, Location (R) (S) 4.15 A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun (R) (S) 5.45 Escape To Costa Rica (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents (R) (S) 10.30 Access (R) (S) 10.40 Criminals: Caught On Camera (R) (S) 11.10 FILM: Michael (Nora Ephron 1996) Fantasy comedy, starring John Travolta (S) 1.10 On Benefits: Breadline Brits (R) (S) 2.10 On Benefits: The Compensation King (R) (S) 3.10 On Benefits: Famous & Claiming (R) (S) 4.10 On Benefits: 30 Stone And Claiming (R) (S) 5.10 Britain's Best Loved Double Acts (R) (S)	 Sun Byrne: Ed and pal Dara O Briain endure Thailand's climate on the 'Road To Mandalay' 9pm, BBC2	 Howler monkeys abound in Mexico 8pm, BBC2	6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals (R) (S) 6.20 Emmerdale (R) (S) 8.50 Coronation Street (R) (S) 11.20 Take Me Out (R) (S) 12.35 FILM: The Smurfs (Raja Gosnell 2011) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris (S) 1.35 FYI Daily 1.40 FILM: The Smurfs (Raja Gosnell 2011) Concluded (S) 2.40 FILM: A Cinderella Story (Mark Rosman 2004) Romantic comedy, starring Hillary Duff and Chad Michael Murray (S) 3.40 FYI Daily 3.45 FILM: A Cinderella Story (Mark Rosman 2004) Concluded (S) 4.35 Britain's Got Talent (R) (S) 5.50 Britain's Got More Talent (R) (S)
6PM	6.35 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)	6.00 Inside The Factory: How Our Favourite Foods Are Made The production of household staples (R) (S)	6.35 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.45 ITV News; Weather (S)	6.15 Channel 4 News (S) 6.45 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Highlights Action from the fifth round (S)			 Daisy Waterstone in 'The Durrells' 8pm, ITV	6.50 FILM: Step Up (Anne Fletcher 2006) Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan (S)
7PM	7.00 Countryfile Matt Baker reports on a plan to preserve the Suffolk Broads (S)	7.00 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond The Lobby Giles Coren and Monica Galetti visit Ichehol in Sweden (R) (S)	7.00 Bigheads Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show (S)			7.00 The Birth Of British Music The legacy of Austrian composer Joseph Haydn (R) (S)	6.35 FILM: Star Trek (JJ Abrams 2009) Sci-fi adventure, starring Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto (S)	7.50 FYI Daily 7.55 FILM: Step Up (Anne Fletcher 2006) Concluded (S)
8PM	8.00 British Academy Television Awards 2017 Sue Perkins hosts the awards ceremony (S)	8.00 Mexico: Earth's Festival Of Life The forests of the Yucatan, home to ruins of the Mayan civilisation (S)	8.00 The Durrells Aunt Hermione returns, and has brought a medium (Una Stubbs) (S)			8.00 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos (R) (S) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)	8.00 The Secret Life Of The Motorway Last in the series (R) (S)	
9PM		9.00 Dara And Ed's Road To Mandalay Dara O Briain and Ed Byrne explore Thailand (S)	9.00 Grantchester Georgie investigates the suspicious death of a factory worker (S)	9.00 The Island With Bear Grylls The castaways enter their final days on the island (S)	9.00 When Game Shows Go Horribly Wrong A compilation of disastrous game show moments (S)	9.00 OJ: Made In America - Storyville New series examining the rise and fall of OJ Simpson (S)	9.00 FILM: Unknown (Jaume Collet-Serra 2011) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson (S)	9.00 Take Me Out - The Gossip Cameras follow the gang on a big night out (S)
10PM	10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.30 Match Of The Day 2 (S)	10.00 FILM: Half Of A Yellow Sun (Biyi Bandele 2013) Drama, starring Thandie Newton and Anika Noni Rose (S)	10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.20 Peston On Sunday Political magazine (R) (S)	10.00 Surviving The Island With Bear Grylls The castaways look back on the past five weeks. Last in the series (S)	10.30 Storyville: Circus Elephant Rampage An elephant which went on the rampage in 1994 in Hawaii (R) (S)	10.30 Storyville: Circus Elephant Rampage An elephant which went on the rampage in 1994 in Hawaii (R) (S)	10.00 Family Guy Peter gets jealous (R) (S) 10.30 Family Guy Cleveland and Meg get new jobs (R) (S)	
11PM	11.45 Murder In Successville Undercover detective Noel Edmonds is found dead (S)	11.45 FILM: Memento (Christopher Nolan 2000) Thriller, starring Guy Pearce (S)	11.20 Lethal Weapon Murtaugh and Riggs suspect abuse of power in the LA Sheriff's department (R) (S)	11.00 FILM: Prisoners (Denis Villeneuve 2013) Thriller, starring Hugh Jackman (S)	11.25 Timeshift: How Britain Won The Space Race - The Story Of Bernard Lovell And Jodrell Bank (R) (S)	11.15 FILM: Shutter Island (Martin Scorsese 2010) Mystery thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio (S)	11.00 Family Guy (R) (S) 11.30 American Dad! (R) (S) 11.55 American Dad! (R) (S)	
LATE	12.15 FILM: Forget Me Not (Alexander Holt; Lance Roehrig 2011) Romantic drama, with Tobias Menzies and Genevieve O'Reilly (S) 1.50 BBC News (S)	1.35 Sign Zone: Question Time (R) (S) 2.35 Sign Zone: Holly City (R) (S) 3.35 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.10 Jackpot 24/7 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) (S)	1.50 Millionaires' Mansions (R) (S) 2.45 Location, Location, Location (R) (S) 3.40 Building The Dream (S) 4.35 KOTV (S) 5.05 Gillette World Sport (S) 5.30 Shipping Wars UK (R) (S)	12.05 The Best Of Bad TV 1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Top 20 Funniest 4.00 Streets Of Rage: Caught On Camera 4.50 House Doctor 5.15 Wildlife SOS 5.40 Angels Of Jarm 5.50 Roary The Racine Car	12.25 Horizon: The Creative Brain - How Insight Works (R) (S) 1.25 Nature's Great Events (R) (S) 2.25 Michael Palin's Quest For Artemisia (R) (S) 3.25 Close	1.55 FILM: Eyes Without A Face (Georges Franju 1960) French horror, starring Pierre Brasseur (S) 3.50 Close	12.25 The Cleveland Show (R) (S) 12.50 The Cleveland Show (R) (S) 1.20 The Vampire Diaries (R) (S) 2.10 Zora Larsson: The Hot Desk (R) (S) 2.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

volunteers in this latest round of the enjoyable survival show. In the final episode, the group – which has collectively lost 30 stone – are desperate for a good meal, so it's up to Aran and Jacqui to bring home the bacon. Or, in this case, an understandably recalcitrant calman crocodile.

OJ: Made In America – Storyville

9pm, BBC4
The drama series *The People vs OJ Simpson: American Crime Story* is up for a Bafta tonight (see left). Here begins a five-part documentary covering much of the same ground and the same issues of race, celebrity, the media and the justice system in the US.



FILM CHOICE
LAURENCE PHELAN
Eyebrow-raising stuff as Roger Moore makes his 007 debut in 'Live And Let Die', 4.20pm, ITV

Live And Let Die

4.20pm, ITV
(Guy Hamilton, 1973)
It may not strive for the realism of recent Bond films, but Roger Moore's first outing as the dapper superspy was influenced by the then burgeoning blaxploitation cinema, and in Yaphet Kotto's Harlem heroin dealer it has one of the series' most credible villains. It also has the best theme tune, great chase scenes, Jane Seymour, and the colourful voodoo priest Baron Samedi.

Half Of A Yellow Sun

10pm, BBC2
(Biyi Bandele, 2013)
Chiwetel Ejiofor and Thandie Newton star in this handsome,

albeit slightly stagey version of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's 2006 Orange prize-winning novel, adapted by the Nigerian playwright Bandele. It's a relationships drama set against the backdrop of the Biafran war in the late 1960s, with the sort of grand narrative sweep that requires the emotions and the political history to be simplified.

Memento

11.45pm, BBC2
(Christopher Nolan, 2000)
An excellent neo-noir thriller about a man (Guy Pearce) with anterograde amnesia, who tattoos notes on to his body to remind himself that he's on a mission to avenge the killing of his wife. It takes multiple viewings to

make sense of the reverse-chronology plotting; after that you can begin to notice the real tragedy of his situation and the full extent of his madness.

Eyes Without A Face

1.55am, Film4
(Georges Franju, 1960)
This brilliant black-and-white mad-scientist B-movie by the documentary-maker turned surrealist Franju has a screenplay by Boileau-Narcejac, who also wrote the stories on which Vertigo and Les Diaboliques were based. It takes a cool and deliberate approach to gothic horror – but it's also filmed with something of Jean Cocteau's eye for the dreamy, the uncanny and the sublime.

ITV3

6.00 In Loving Memory (R) (S) 6.25 FILM: Carry On At Your Convenience (Gerald Thomas 1971) Comedy, starring Sid James (S) 7.25 FV Daily 7.30 FILM: Carry On At Your Convenience (Gerald Thomas 1971) Concluded (S) 8.05 Heartbeat (R) (S) 9.05 Heartbeat (R) (S) 10.05 Murder, She Wrote (R) (S) 11.05 Murder, She Wrote (R) (S) 12.05 FILM: Columbo: Double Shock (Robert Butler 1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau (S) 1.40 A Touch Of Frost (R) (S) 3.55 Foyle's War (R) (S) 5.55 Midsummer Murders (R) (S)

E4

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube (R) (S) 6.25 Couples Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 7.20 Couples Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 8.20 Hollyoaks (R) (S) 11.00 Made In Chelsea (R) (S) 12.00 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 12.30 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 1.00 The Goldbergs (R) (S) 1.30 Baby Daddy (R) (S) 2.00 Kevin Can Wait (R) (S) 2.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (R) (S) 3.00 New Girl (R) (S) 3.30 FILM: Thunderbirds (Jonathan Frakes 2004) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton (S) 5.20 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts (R) (S) 5.35 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S)

6.00 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S)
6.30 The Big Bang Theory Howard and Raj try to find Sheldon a girlfriend (R) (S)

7.00 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon and Amy spend Thanksgiving together (R) (S)
7.30 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S)

8.00 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon and Amy spend their first night together (R) (S)
8.30 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S)

9.00 Marvel's Agents Of SHIELD Daisy and Simmons are the world's last hope (S)
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10.00 Tattoo Fixers Sketch gives a client a sci-fi inspired memorial to her mum (R) (S)

11.00 Tattoo Fixers A client asks Sketch to erase his misunderstood tattoo (R) (S)

12.05 Wire In The Blood (R) (S) 1.10 Wire In The Blood (R) (S) 2.10 Agatha Christie's Marple (R) (S) 3.50 May The Best House Win (R) (S) 4.40 May The Best House Win (R) (S) 5.30 ITV3 Nightscreen

MORE4

8.55 Location, Location, Location (R) (S) 9.55 Coast Vs Country (R) (S) 11.00 Selling Houses With Amanda Lamb (R) (S) 12.00 Grand Designs New Zealand (R) (S) 1.05 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 1.35 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 2.10 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 2.40 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 3.10 Come Dine With Me (R) (S) 3.40 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 4.15 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 4.50 Four In A Bed (R) (S) 5.50 Four In A Bed (R) (S)

6.25 Come Dine With Me The first dinner party in Sutton Coldfield (R) (S)
6.55 Come Dine With Me (R) (S)

7.25 Come Dine With Me Pubman Randy Johnson hosts (R) (S)
7.55 Come Dine With Me (R) (S)

8.30 Come Dine With Me Patrick McMurray hosts the final party in Sutton Coldfield (R) (S)

9.00 Father Ted The priests write a song (R) (S)
9.35 Father Ted Craggy Island hosts a talent contest (R) (S)

10.00 Sarah Millican: Outsider Footage recorded at the Brighton Dome (R) (S)

11.10 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown With guests James Corden and Jack Dee (R) (S)

12.10 24 Hours In A&E (R) (S) 1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) (S) 2.15 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (R) (S) 3.15 8 Out Of 10 Cats (R) (S) 3.55 Close

SKY 1

6.00 Hour Of Power (R) (S) 7.00 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive (R) (S) 8.30 Futurama (R) (S) 9.00 Supergirl (R) (S) 10.00 The Flash (R) (S) 11.00 WWE Raw Hts (R) (S) 12.00 Futurama (R) (S) 12.30 Futurama (R) (S) 1.00 Futurama (R) (S) 1.30 Futurama (R) (S) 2.00 Modern Family (R) (S) 3.00 Modern Family (R) (S) 3.30 Modern Family (R) (S) 4.00 Modern Family (R) (S) 4.30 Modern Family (R) (S) 5.00 Modern Family (R) (S) 5.30 Modern Family (R) (S)

6.00 Modern Family The day of Frank's 1920s-themed wedding arrives (R) (S)
6.30 The Simpsons (R) (S)

7.00 The Simpsons (R) (S)
7.30 The Simpsons Professor Frink plays matchmaker (R) (S)

8.00 Wild Things Highlights of the game show with Kate Humble and Jason Byrne. Last in the series (S)

9.00 Hawaii Five-0 Rachel tells Danny that she is getting a divorce from Stan (S)

10.00 NCIS: Los Angeles A man claims his defence contractor wife is selling navy secrets (S)

11.00 MacGyver Angus and Jack hunt for a corrupt FBI agent (R) (S)

12.00 The Blacklist: Redemption (R) (S) 1.00 Arrow (R) (S) 2.00 Legends (R) (S) 3.00 Brit Cops: War On Crime (R) (S) 4.00 Stop, Search, Seize (R) (S) 5.00 Zoo Tales (R) (S) 5.30 Zoo Tales (R) (S)

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00 Fish Town (R) (S) 7.00 Fish Town (R) (S) 8.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 9.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 10.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 11.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 12.00 The West Wing (R) (S) 1.00 House (R) (S) 2.00 House (R) (S) 3.00 Blue Bloods (R) (S) 4.00 Blue Bloods (R) (S) 5.00 Blue Bloods (R) (S)

6.00 Blue Bloods A bomb scare in a subway turns out to be the work of a famous street artist (R) (S)

7.00 Blue Bloods A homeless teenager claims his aunt was murdered (R) (S)

8.00 Blue Bloods A wanted hitman is shot while committing a burglary (R) (S)

9.00 FILM: Warning: This Drug May Kill You (Perrin Peltz 2017) Documentary focusing on addiction.

10.15 Real Time With Bill Maher The comic invites guests to discuss the week's events.

11.25 Veep Selina and the team attend the funeral of a Supreme Court Justice (R) (S)

12.00 The Trip To Spain (R) (S) 12.35 Billions (R) (S) 1.45 Guerrilla (R) (S) 2.45 Westworld (R) (S) 3.50 Girls (R) (S) 4.20 Urban Secrets (R) (S) 5.10 Urban Secrets (R) (S)

RADIO LISTINGS

BBC Radio 1

6am Dev 10.00 A Dot 1pm Alice Levine 4.00 Cel Spellman 6.00 Radio 1's Most Played 7.00 Rock Show With Daniel P Carter 10.00 Phil Taggart 1am Monki 4.00 Adele Roberts

BBC Radio 1Xtra

6am Mim Shaikh 10.00 Sian Anderson 1pm Jamz Supernova 4.00 Trevor Nelson 7.00 David Rodigan 9.00 BBC Radio 1 & 1Xtra's Stories: Study Drugs 10.00 DJ Edu – Destination Africa 1am Monki 4.00 DJ Edu – Destination Africa

BBC Radio 2

6am The Sunday Hour 7.00 Good Morning Sunday With Clare Balding 9.00 Steve Wright's Sunday Love Songs 11.00 The Michael Ball Show 1pm Elaine Paige On Sunday 3.00 Johnnie Walker's Sounds Of The 70s 5.00 Christopher Biggins 7.00 Claudia On Sunday 9.00 Clare Teal 11.00 Moira Stuart 12midn1 Sounds Of The 60s 2.00 Radio 2's Blues Playlist 3.00 Radio 2 Playlist: Pop Ballads 4.00 Radio 2 Playlist: Upbeat 5.00 Vanessa Feltz

BBC Radio 3

7am Breakfast 9.00 News 9.03 Sunday Morning With James Jolly 12noon Private Passions 1.00 News 1.02 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert 2.00 The Early Music Show 3.00 Choral Evensong 4.00 The Choir 5.00 The Listening Service 5.30 Words And Music 6.45 Sunday Feature: Monteverdi 450 – Monteverdi's Women 7.30 Radio 3 In Concert 9.00 Drama On 3: A View From The Bridge 10.35 Early Music Late 12.30am Through The Night

BBC Radio 4

6am News 6.05 Something Understood 6.35 On Your Farm 7.00 News: Sunday Papers 7.10 Sunday 7.55 Radio 4 Appeal 8.00 News: Sunday Papers 8.10 Sunday Worship 8.48 A Point Of View 8.58 Tweet Of The Day 9.00 Broadcasting House 10.00 The Archers 11.15 Desert Island Discs 12noon News 12.04 The Unbelievable Truth 12.30 The Food Programme 1.00 The World This Week 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time 2.45 The Listening Project 3.00 News 3.02 Tsar 4.00 News 4.02 Open Book 4.30 Poetry Please 5.00 America Goes To War 5.40 Profile 5.54 Shipping 6.00 News 6.35 Pick Of The Week 7.00 The Archers 7.45 Wordaholics 7.45 Life At Absolute Zero 8.00 More Or Less 8.30 Last Word 9.00 Money Box 9.26 Radio 4 Appeal 9.30 In Business 10.00 The Westminster Hour 11.00 The Film Programme 11.30 Something Understood 12midn1 News 12.15 Thinking Allowed 12.45 Belts On Sunday 12.48 Shipping 1.00 As BBC World Service 5.20 Shipping 5.30 News 5.43 Prayer For The Day 5.45 Farming Today 5.58 Tweet Of The Day

BBC Radio 4 LW

BBC Radio 4 Extra

6am Feminine Forever Omnibus 7.15 Colin Dexter Short Stories 7.30 Deborah Frances-White Rolls The Dice 8.00 Meet The Huggerts 8.30 Life With The Lyons 9.00 Between Them Omnibus 10.10 Inheritance Tracks 10.15 Desert Island Discs Revisited – Family 10.45 Snapshots In The Dark 11.00 TED Radio Hour 11.55 The Listening Project 12noon Meet The Huggerts 12.30 Life With The Lyons 1.00 Feminine Forever Omnibus 2.15 Colin Dexter Short Stories 2.30 Into The Water Omnibus – Part Two 3.45 The Cazalets: The Light Years – Omnibus Part One 4.55 Inheritance Tracks 5.00 Poetry Extra: A Poet's Song 5.30 Deborah Frances-White Rolls The Dice 6.00 Ray Bradbury's Tales Of The Bizarre 6.30 The Devil In Amber 7.00 TED Radio Hour 7.55 The Listening Project 8.00 The Family Reunion 9.30 Desert Island Discs Revisited – Family 10.00 Comedy Club: Deborah Frances-White Rolls The Dice 10.30 Comedy Club: Radio 9.10 Comedy Club: The Comedy Club Interview 11.00 Comedy Club: Cabin Pressure 11.30 Comedy Club: Bussmann And Quantick Kingsize 12midn1 Ray Bradbury's Tales Of The Bizarre 12.30 The Devil In Amber 1.00 Feminine Forever Omnibus 2.15 Colin Dexter Short Stories 2.30 Into The Water Omnibus – Part Two 3.45

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BBC 5 Live

6am Sunday Breakfast 9.00 SportsWeek 10.00 Plenary's Politics 11.00 Will Gompertz's Heat Map 11.55 5 Live Sport: Premier League Football 2016-17 12pm 5 Live Sport: 2.15 5 Live Sport: Premier League Football 2016-17 4.15 5 Live Sport: 4.30 5 Live Sport: Premier League Football 2016-17 6.30 6-0-6-7.30 Flintoff: Savage And The Ping Pong Guy 8.30 I Was There 9.30 Eye Of The Storm 10.00 Stephen Nolan 1am Up All Night 4.30 5 Live Formula 1 5.00 Morning Reports 5.15 Wake Up To Money

BBC 6 Music

7am Mary Anne Hobbs 10.00 Cerys Matthews 1pm Power Pop With Katie Puckrick 2.00 Guy Garvey's Finest Hour 4.00 Jarvis Cocker's Sunday Service 6.00 Now Playing @6Music 8.00 Stuart Maconie's Freak Zone 10.00 Don Letts' Culture Clash Radio 12midn1 Guy Garvey's Finest Hour 2.00 The BBC Introducing Mixtape 3.00 6 Music Live Hour 4.00 The Atlantic Records Story 5.00 Chris Hawkins

Classic FM

7am Aled Jones 10.00 Bill Turnbull 1pm Alexander Armstrong 3.00 Charlotte Green 5.00 The Classic FM Chart 7.00 David Meller 9.00 Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Classical Music 10.00 Smooth Classics 1am Sam Pitts

Absolute Radio

8am Jason Manford 11.00 Sarah Champion 2pm Pete Donaldson 6.00 Request Show With Claire Sturges 8.00 Sunday Night Music Club 12midn1 George Godfrey

Heart

6am Jenni Falconer 9.00 Stephen Mulhern And Emma Willis 12noon Zoe Hardman 4.00 The Big Top 4.00 Jason Donovan's 80s Rewind 10.00 James Stewart 1am Simon Beale 4.00 Jenni Falconer

TalkSPORT

6am Fishermen's Blues 7.00 Georgie Bingham And Tony Cascarino 11.00 Warm Up 1pm Sunday Exclusive 4.00 The Full Time Phone-in 6.00 Press Pass 9.00 Trans Europe Express 1am Extra Time

PICKS OF THE DAY

Private Passions

12noon, BBC Radio 3



Michael Berkeley talks to primatologist Jane Goodall (left) about her

groundbreaking work with chimpanzees, and learns how music has helped her to cope during difficult times.

Comedy Club:

Cabin Pressure

11pm, BBC Radio 4 Extra

The excellent second series of John Finnemore's sky-high sitcom continues as pilot Martin (Benedict Cumberbatch) has an issue with his inner ear as the crew is sent to Ipswich for a course in emergency procedures.



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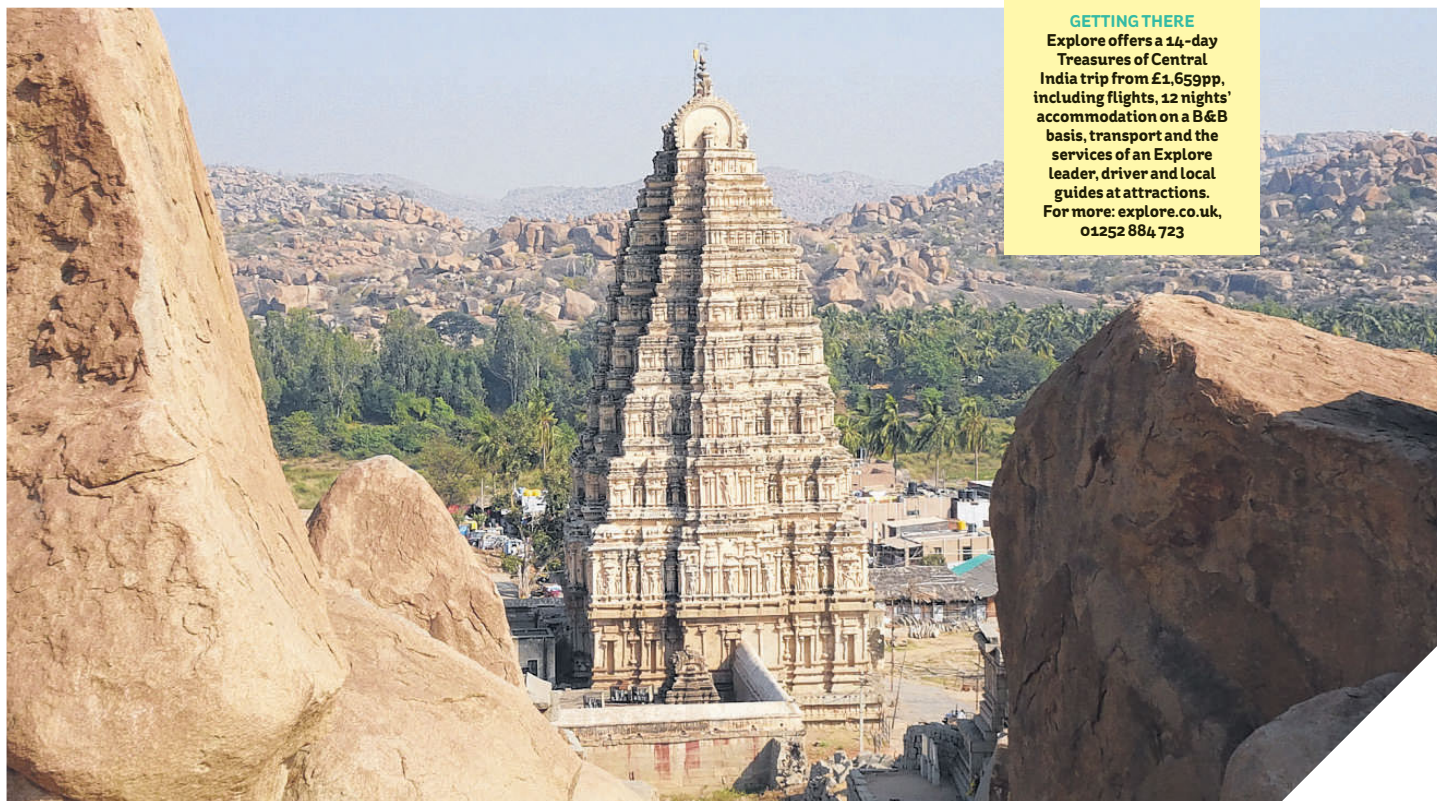


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Virupaksha Temple; above, the old city of Hyderabad; below, schoolchildren welcome the writer to their classroom AFF: ANNE GORRINGE

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A Shiva down the spine

Anne Gorringe is thrilled by the ancient cave temples, forts and stunning monuments of central southern India

I feel like a celebrity as, hovering by the classroom door, I'm spotted by a group of beaming seven-year-olds, happy for this unexpected interruption to their day. It's an unscheduled stop, five days into a 1,015km road trip through the very heart of central southern India. We're all desperate for the loo and our ever-helpful guide, Indira, is convinced that calling in to a local school, unannounced, is the answer.

Indira spotted the school from the window of our 17-seater coach and, with no cafés or handy roadside bushes in sight, brought us in. Her warm smile opens all doors and I'm welcomed by the teacher, who proudly shows me her pupils' drawings, despite the fact that I've just disrupted her afternoon lesson.

Expecting the unexpected, I quickly learn, is all part of my Indian adventure. I've joined a 10-day escorted tour with adventure experts Explore through India's heartland. I'm longing to see the unearthly, rocky landscape of the Unesco-listed city of Hampi, calling in at the sixth-century cave temples in Badami en route.

Travelling west by private coach from Hyderabad through Karnataka state, we stay in a different hotel each night before reaching Hampi. After two spectacular days here, we'll be taking a seven-hour ride on board the local Amaravati Express train for the final leg of the journey, to Goa on the west coast.

Right from the start, our tour has taken us to amazing places: from Hyderabad centre we headed 11km west to explore Golconda, one of India's most impressive, and extensive, forts.

The end of day three heralds our arrival in Bidar, on the edge of Karnataka's border. Dusty red roads dominate my senses as our coach pulls into town. Gazing past the wandering cattle and women hurrying home, carrying their shopping on their heads, I look up. Amid the dust, noise and haphazard telegraph wires,

I spot a banner spanning the road. Promising state-of-the-art, high-tech medical treatment, it reads "Free Open Heart Surgery" – somewhat in contrast with the bustling scene below. The message makes me smile.

After a quick tour and overnight stop we're off again. Highlights to come include those cave temples, which were hewn into the rock face of Badami's cliffs from 550AD. As we climb the cut-out stone steps to explore these intricately carved buildings, our guide points out the only 18-armed sculpture of Shiva in existence; each combination and position of the nine arms either side depicts 81 different dance moves.

With sunset approaching we walk by the reservoir below the caves, which locals use to do their washing. The sense of stillness and peace continues when we arrive at my favourite hotel of the trip, the Hotel Krishna Heritage, Badami, just one mile outside town. As we turn down a drive, I'm transported into an oasis of

tranquillity. My huge room comes with a balcony at each end, which I take advantage of in the morning, sitting for a moment in the swinging chair to gaze across the surrounding farmland. Independent travellers can book a room here for around £60 a night – an absolute bargain.

Our next hotel is in Hospet, a stone's throw from the ruins of Hampi's ghost city, which sits along the boulder-strewn hills of the south bank of the Tungabhadra River. The early 1500s were the boom times here, with Arabian horses, silks, precious gems and Indian spices filling the marketplace. Hampi's king regularly gave away mounds of gold, silver and jewels to the needy at special festivals. To decide how much, he sat on one side of "the King's balance" while gems were poured into the other.

Today, the once-splendid capital provides a magical setting for more than 150 buildings, though "only" 58 have so been recognised by Unesco. On my day here I manage to visit three, including the 50m-high Virupaksha Temple, the main landmark. Back at Golconda Fort, I'd been shocked by the spikes on the outer doors, installed as protection against elephant attacks. Here at Hampi, Virupaksha comes with its own, real-life resident elephant. Further across the vast site, there's even a stunning "elephant house", which was once home to 11 elephants that served the royal household.

The final leg of the tour is a seven-hour trip on board the local express train from Hospet to Goa, with food sellers jumping on board at every stop with tempting curry dishes and steaming chai tea. I'm reluctant for it all to end, and the little boy shyly waving at me from the next carriage is a reminder of how warmly I've been welcomed.

High-profile recent films such as *Lion* have fuelled interest in India and, just like Dev Patel's character in the film, as I step down to the platform, I'm already planning my next trip back.



At Golconda Fort, spikes on the outer doors were installed to protect against elephant attack. At Hampi, Virupaksha Temple actually comes with its own real-life resident elephant

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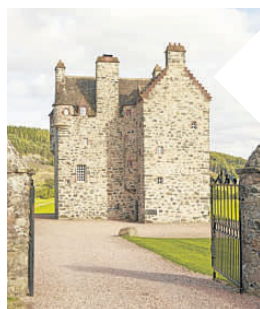
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Simon Calder

THE MAN WHO PAYS HIS WAY

It's not so much the botched hotel opening – it's how Thomson dealt with it that appals



Thomson customers should have been enjoying a five-star experience in Palma AFP

As you emerge from the arrivals area at Palma airport, the first thing you see is a big sign above the Thomson customer-service desk: "Arrive with a question, leave with a smile," it promises. Plenty of British holidaymakers flying to Mallorca over the past 10 days have certainly had a question: is our hotel going to be open? And a number of them have been reduced to tears by the stress and disappointment of a refurbishment project that went wrong. Last weekend I went to the lovely island to see what was happening with the AluaSoul Hotel near Cala D'or in the south-east of the island. I met some very unhappy people. They thought they had booked a five-star luxury package, but ended up with an "allocation on arrival" holiday.

"AOA" holidays have long been popular with cheapskates like me. They began as a way for tour operators to offload "distressed inventory" (unsold plane seats, empty hotel beds) close to departure without upsetting the folks who had booked well in advance for named accommodation.

On May Day, dozens of Thomson customers who had booked a luxury break were told that their lovely new resort wasn't ready and they'd be going somewhere else. But only when they were on the bus from the airport.

In the most extreme case, suitcases had been unloaded from the transfer coach, only for the hotel manager to tell the tired, stressed holidaymakers to go away.

Hotel refurbishments have always had an element of uncertainty about them. Booking a trip means buying a promise, and sometimes it is inadvertently broken.

All the disappointed holidaymakers I met were reasonable people and accepted that things can go wrong. But they also expected Britain's biggest tour operator to respond properly.

Warnings that progress seemed slow began to appear on message boards and Thomson's own Facebook page long before the expected opening day, 1 May. Thomson has a big team in Mallorca, and it should have been straightforward to assess the project,

see that things were going chorizo-shaped and act accordingly: offering customers the choice between a full refund or a different location, together with a generous rebate for the disappointment.

Instead, the picture that emerged was that the AluaSoul's intended guests got a take-it-or-leave phone call or email the afternoon before they were due to depart, with a desultory £40 refund for having their plans changed at the last moment.

There were problems, too, across in Ibiza at the AluaSoul sister hotel.

Besides the messed-around travellers, I met someone else who was really angry: a lady called Lynn Moores, who lives in Congleton in Cheshire but has an apartment five minutes' walk from the site – and has a background in customer service and project

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management. Lynn has been watching developments since January. She told me: "I can't believe anyone could have looked at this two weeks ago and thought, 'This is going to open on time.'"

"It's not so much the fact that the building isn't ready, it's the way in which it's been handled. They could have used this to show how well they handled a bad situation, and quite frankly they've done the opposite."

Thomson told me: "We understand the disappointment caused to customers following the delayed openings of the AluaSoul Mallorca and AluaSoul Ibiza and would like to apologise again for the disruption. We can confirm that both hotels are now open and guest feedback has been positive."

Tui, the parent company of Thomson, is on course to make a £1bn profit this year – that's close to £2,000 per minute, which should be enough to raise a smile.

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Le Jardin des Douars, Morocco

This boutique riad just outside the relaxed port town of Essaouira is as serene as the nature that surrounds it, writes **Rob Hastings**



Riad means garden. At least, it does in the original sense of the Arabic word. In general terminology, you probably know it as a traditional Moroccan home built around a courtyard – one of those beautiful zellige-tiled spaces filled with the soft tinkle of water in a fountain, adorned by pot plants.

The fact that Morocco's houses came to be known by the word for garden probably encapsulates the importance of keeping the natural world central to life here. If an Englishman's house is his castle, a Moroccan's is his oasis.

No matter what your nationality, anyone would feel at home at Le Jardin des Douars. This boutique hotel, a 15-minute drive from the port town of Essaouira, doesn't surround a garden; here it's the trees and flowers and bushes that do the surrounding. They envelop the self-contained lodgings, as do the sounds of the countryside: the rustle of leaves in the breeze, the singsong of swallows and wagtails swooping between the palm trees, and the occasional croak of a frog.

Arrival might seem unprepossessing, especially at night, as pot-holes stud the approach. But then we see the lanterns illuminating the lane to the romantic hideaway.

We're led on a pathway through the garden to our cosy abode. The door opens to a living room that's rustic in the best way: white-

washed walls decorated by Berber handbags, a carved wooden table sitting on a rug, a log fireplace.

With morning light comes the revelation of just how beautiful the garden is, high on the southern bank of the Ksob river. Paths lead between cacti, argan trees and vibrant purple blooms along with more than 100 types of plant. The terraced grounds were laid out in 2004 by Jean Secondi, a landscape designer who transformed it from a stony patch of land before opening the hotel, which is now run by a husband-and-wife team.

Before a breakfast of msemen crepe, creamy French toast and scrambled eggs, I go for a swim in one of the two pools. One is reserved for families, where children can splash with glee as much as they like. Which means I'm left in peace as I step down into the teal-tiled pool reserved for adults, happily wading into the warmest waters ever to host my breaststroke.

Time for a taxi into town. Essaouira, the small port town that provides Marrakech tourists with a welcome break from the big city, has a similarly laid-back tone to our hotel. The backstreets of small shops and stalls have plenty

of jewellery, spices and decorative plates, but not nearly as many overbearing salesmen desperate for your dirhams. Wandering through the medina and taking in the coastal views from the small citadel makes for a relaxing day.

Once you've spent an afternoon in Essaouira, you needn't leave the confines of Les Jardin des Douars again. It's perfectly feasible to spend your whole day, or several, unwinding. You can even sample a traditional hammam – Morocco's equivalent to a Turkish bath – at the spa.

We choose a Sunday to remain in the grounds for lunch, and enjoy the most extensive barbecue I've seen, with enough salads and sides for even vegetarians to feel spoilt for choice.

Food is also a reason to stay in the evening. With three dining rooms as well as patio tables, dinner feels different each night, and not purely because I alternate between succulent lamb shank and delectable beef wellington.

Le Jardin really is perfect for a weekend retreat. The roadway leading to it may be in need of repair, but once inside, the tranquillity means you'll feel a long way from the metaphorical beaten track.

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GARY O'BRIEN

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The Wychwood Festival returns again next month (2-4 June) to its site beneath the idyllic Prestbury Hills.

With a host of workshops, performances and talks ranging from yoga and poetry recitals to a swing-dance workshop and welly decoration sessions, there's something for everyone.

Wychwood this year aims to bring out the creative side of family life with its selection of amazing workshops. Festival-goers will have the chance to glamorise their wellies during a Pimp My Hat and Wellies session or transform an old LP into a brilliant festival souvenir with Groovy Records. Salix Arts will also be on hand to show families how to weave willow and other techniques during a Willow Workshop.

Those looking to get a little bit physical will be able to join in with dance work shops including Belly Dancing, Swing Dance and the '80s favourite Shim Sham Dance.

Musically, The Strypes will play the main stage on Sunday. Other acts include Buzzcocks, Levellers, OMD, Billy Bragg, Zak Abel and Let's Eat Grandma.

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Lazily ride along the River Cam; below, Hotel Felix PA

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Take a punt

From an idyllic mansion-turned-hotel, **Chloë Hamilton** heads into Cambridge and discovers a city bursting with romance, history and picturesque activities

As I crunch up its gravel driveway, Hotel Felix strikes me as rather a nice place for a wedding reception. The front is climbing with lush green foliage and the white summer house, nestled unobtrusively in the gardens, looks as though it were placed there with newlywed snaps in mind. I'm not hugely surprised, then, when not long after my stay at the Cambridge hotel, my Facebook feed is flooded with photos of the wedding of an old acquaintance that took place there the day after my stay.

Built as a mansion for a rich surgeon in 1852, this independent boutique hotel boasts traditional Victorian architecture on the outside, contemporary design within. It is a mile outside of Cambridge, an easy walk or cycle away from the historic university town.

Upon arrival, my guest and I are ushered into reception and greeted with smiles aplenty. After a fleeting dash down maze-like corridors towards our room to drop off bags and freshen up, we find ourselves hurried by ever-attentive staff to the Graffiti restaurant, which is serving dinner. Given the name, I half-expect to see scribbles and tags adorning the walls but there's not a Banksy in sight. Instead, the award-winning restaurant – which uses fresh, seasonal produce – has the vibe of an upmarket, if bordering on bland, gastropub.

The food, however, is excellent. The modern European menu offers dishes from pan-roasted quail to roast grouse. We tuck in, distracted only once, momentarily, by comedian, and Cambridge University alumnus Robert Webb striding purposefully through the restaurant towards the bar.

Aside from Mr Webb, the hotel is quiet. Odd, perhaps, given it's a Friday night. There's no bustle and although my guest and I both fancy a digestif in the bar after dinner, it

all feels a bit quiet. Instead, we buy a bottle of wine to share and take it up to our room to enjoy at leisure.

The bedroom is spacious and comfortable. There's a feature wall, which I particularly enjoy, and the bed is big enough to spread out in for a good night's kip. Like the restaurant, though, the décor inches towards the generic: chrome-framed mirrors, sleek, straight lines, lots of shiny glass. I like hotels which give some indication of their locations, but there's nothing in this room that says we're in Cambridge.

Still, that's easy to resolve: just go outside. Home to the prestigious University of Cambridge, which was founded in 1209, the city is dotted with colleges – the most famous of which, King's, is known for its impressive chapel and festive choral services. Visitors can pay to walk through the college (£9 adults, £6 concessions), taking in the gardens, the chapel, and an exhibition of the history of the college. Guided tours are also available at an extra cost.

Perhaps the best way to see the university grounds, though, is from a punt on the River Cam. A punt is a flat-bottomed boat with a square-cut bow which is propelled forwards by a person pushing against the river bed with a pole. A number of companies offer tours of the

Backs – a particularly picturesque stretch of river which snakes past various colleges. Some offer historical tours, others romantic trips for two. If you're feeling brave, you can even hire a boat out privately and captain it yourself. Be warned, though, the method is trickier than it looks – and harder on the arms.

Cambridge now offers all the typical high-street shops, but if you fancy picking up more quirky souvenirs, potter around the bustling market square, where friendly vendors peddle their wares. Family-run Italian restaurant Don Pasquale, which sits on the corner of the square, offers delicious pizzas and quick, friendly service – perfect for a lunchtime pit stop. If it's sunny, sit outside and watch the students cycle by.

A stroll down pretty King's Parade, past King's College, will work off the excesses of lunch, although if you're still feeling peckish there are plenty of tea shops for a leisurely afternoon tea. The Copper Kettle – which combines Mediterranean cuisine with delicious tea and cake – is my favourite.

Of course, it would be remiss to leave bike-mad Cambridge without taking to the saddle. Talk to the hotel's reception to arrange bicycle hire. Rutland Cycling offers a 10 per cent discount on bike hire to hotel guests on production of a room key. Either bumble around the city's quaint passageways and cobbled streets or head further afield to Grantchester Meadows and seek out a pub lunch.

Regardless of whether you are, indeed, attending a wedding, or simply visiting the city for a weekend, the Felix offers an ideal base from which to explore this impressive town.



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48 HOURS IN...

Rangoon

Burma's biggest city was once a no-go area; now it's South-east Asia's new boom town.

Martin Symington checks out the skyscrapers amid the pagodas

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

Why go now?

Burma is on the move at an astonishing pace. It is, after all, only a few years since the dark days of military rule and house-arrested Aung San Suu Kyi's pleas to stay away. Now, with her blessing, tourist numbers are soaring and Burma's largest city, Rangoon, is fast becoming South-east Asia's latest boom town. Glass skyscrapers are rising up among the skyline's glittering gold pagodas. And with the curtain of mystery lifting on this one-time pariah of the international community, there is an edgy excitement about brushing with people, places and ways of life still getting used to foreign visitors.

Getting there

Thai Airways, Korean Air and Malaysia Airlines operate one-stop flights from London to Rangoon. Taxis from the airport to downtown cost about £8.

Staying there

The Belmond Governor's Residence on Taw Win Road is a luxurious 1920s teak mansion set in landscaped gardens. Doubles from £267.

Panorama Hotel on Pansodan Street is a centrally located mid-range hotel, aptly named for its great views of the Shwedagon pagoda. Doubles from £105.

Motherland Inn on Lower Pazundaung Road is a budget hotel run by a welcoming family. Rooms from US\$20 (£16.35).

Get your bearings

About six million people live in Rangoon, Burma's commercial hub. However, it has not been the official capital since 2006, when the military regime relocated the government to Naypyidaw. Rangoon stands on the east bank of the Yangon river, 30km from the Andaman Sea. It came to prominence in the latter half of the 19th century, when the British made it the capital of their new imperial possession. The colonial port area is still the commercial centre, though the heart of the city remains the gigantic Shwedagon.

DAY ONE

Take a view

A lift whisks you 20 storeys up Rangoon's tallest building, Sakura



Shwedagon pagoda draws monks and tourists alike; below, the view from across Kandawgyi lake AFP, GETTY

tower, on Bogyoke Aung San Rd. Gaze over 360 pagoda-dotted degrees of the city and the broad Yangon river beyond. Eat at the Thiripyitsaya Sky Bistro, or simply step out on to the open rooftop.

Take a hike

Street life is at its most vivid in the downtown 'heritage' district of dilapidated colonial mansions that sit cheek by jowl with glittering temples. The area is compact enough to explore on foot, starting at the Sule pagoda, at the junction of Sule Pagoda Road and Maha Bandoola Road – almost certainly the world's only example of an ancient temple in the middle of a busy traffic roundabout. The arresting, pink-and-purple colonial façade on the east side is City Hall, while further along Maha Bandoola Road is the Immanuel Baptist Church. Stroll through Maha Bandoola gardens, noticing the fading colours and wrought-iron balconies of buildings which were once trappings of mercantile wealth. Continue south down Sule Pagoda Road to meet Strand Road, then pass the imposing Custom House to reach the homage to colonialism of the Strand Hotel.

Lunch on the run

Locals are enthusiastic guzzlers at street stalls found all over the city. Traders proffer bowls of mohinga (noodle soup) to slurp and go, or bein moun (crispy pancakes) which might be savoury – often with prawns – or filled with fruit and condensed milk. The deep-fried crickets are more of an acquired taste, while battered chunks of

gourd in chilli sauce cry out for a cold glass of shwe bali (milk and yoghurt, rather like an Indian lassi).

Cultural afternoon

The Shwedagon pagoda is Burma's show-stealer; its Taj Mahal. The golden stupa rockets 100m into the air, carrying 30 tons of pure gold leaf, 2,500 rubies and a 76-carat diamond on its crown. Nobody knows for sure how old it is, but it seems to have risen by degrees from about 600BC, with layers and chambers added over the centuries to house sacred relics. Nowhere is Buddhism more observable as a living, breathing religion. Tourists are vastly outnumbered by Burmese in a constant tide of raspberry-robed monks and pilgrims flowing clockwise around this holiest monument, pausing at marble pavilions and shrines where they leave offerings of rice and flowers.

An aperitif

The colonial Strand Hotel, of the Singapore Raffles ilk, reopened in November after extensive refurbishment. Follow Kipling and Somerset Maugham by sipping Strand sours (Mandalay rum with lime juice, sugar syrup and Angostura bitters) on a rattan chair under slowly turning fans. If it happens to be Friday evening, when happy hour is declared, you'll find the place going bonkers. Most of expat Rangoon and the cream of local society congregate here from 6pm onwards; by 9pm, it's a merry place.

Dine with the locals

The House of Memories Restaurant on U Wizara Road has a special place in Burmese hearts. In this century-old colonial half-timbered house, General Aung San, father of Aung San Suu Kyi, had a secret office from which he orchestrated resistance against British rule. The room has been restored, complete with the national hero's desk and typewriter. Diners are treated to a tour before tucking into dishes such as poo pad pong (soft-shelled crab, fried and curried with onions).

DAY TWO

Window shopping

Expansive, covered Bogyoke Aung San market on Bo Gyoke Road, founded by the British as Scott market, is the place to find anything from traditional Burmese jade, lacquer, puppets or teak carvings, to sarong-like longyis. Wander deep into the central alleys to find vendors busily trading in gold. The market is open every day from 9am to 6pm, with the best bargains often to be had first thing in the morning. Hagglng is expected, but this is usually done at relaxed, shoulder-shrugging pace.

Sunday morning: Out to brunch

Burmese eat noodles for breakfast (and lunch and dinner). It is hard to find better than those at 999 Shan Noodle Shop (130B 34th Street), where locals and tourists rub shoulders over brimming bowls. The bouncy, English-speaking owners will offer tastes of toppings such as crispy bacon or creamy tofu to help you choose.

A walk in the park

Saunter along the waterside path through lush gardens fringing enormous Inya lake, an expansive reservoir at the heart of the city. Stretch your legs along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, watching flocks of splashing wildfowl. This is an exclusive neighbourhood with posh villas peeking from behind creeper-draped walls. The most famous – photographed by thousands of visitors – is the so-called Lady House at 54 University Avenue, where Aung San Suu Kyi was held for 15 years under house arrest.

Take a ride

Rangoon's 50km Circle Line train clatters round the urban perimeter, stopping every few minutes as commuters, food hawkers and flower sellers clamber aboard. The full loop takes about three hours from Central Railway Station. However, you can hop on and off at any point and get a taxi home if you have had enough. THE INDEPENDENT

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BMI Regional has launched two new routes, from Birmingham Airport to Gothenburg and Nuremberg. Both will run six times a week. They are the latest in a series of new routes for the airline, which recently launched flights from Stansted to Derry and Birmingham to Graz. Fares start at £79 one way for Nuremberg and £89 for Gothenburg. All fares include 23kg of hold luggage and speedy 30-minute check-in, drinks and snacks. flybmi.com

Breakfast is on us

Best Western Hotels and Resorts is offering guests free breakfast all summer with bookings made from now until 4 June. The offer, which comes as part of the company's 'Your Summer, Your Way' campaign, will include a free breakfast with every overnight stay at member hotels until 1 October. bestwestern.co.uk

Eurostar bargains

Eurostar is offering 75,000 seats for £29 each way to Paris, Brussels and Lille, and £35 each way to any Belgian station, including Bruges (below), Antwerp or Ghent, making it less expensive for UK tourists to visit mainland Europe this summer. The tickets are available until 18 May; the fares are valid for travel between 6 June and 31 August. eurostar.com



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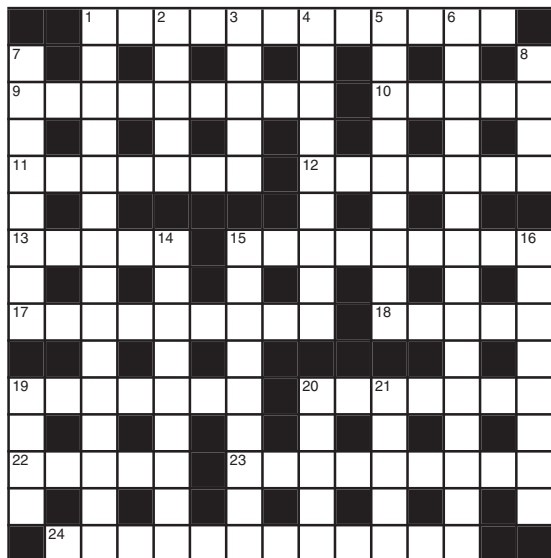


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Games & Puzzles

PRIZE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No 1954 BY PHI



ACROSS

- 1 Quite asleep after disturbance? Oh, go on! (6,6)
- 9 Girl's sly, involving one over unknown ranking (9)
- 10 Augmentation of text in line covered by revolutionary work on document? (5)
- 11 Attempt to comprehend old work by Shakespeare? (7)
- 12 German house exchange not involving Germany? (7)
- 13 Front of herbaceous area retains ditches (2-3)
- 15 Puts in picture minimum of colour in timeless etchings (9)
- 17 Women arriving wanting drug - why? (9)
- 18 Deity very little accepted by Muslim? (5)
- 19 I'm engaged in a fast - shunning this? (7)

- 20 What's received after accepting each cut bakery item? (7)
- 22 Extravagant introduction to sexual desire (5)
- 23 Engine mechanism's shot, with front coming off (9)
- 24 Release me, returning hope? Not returning it (12)

DOWN

- 1 Art movement represented art with happier smile (3-12)
- 2 Dodge still incomplete with day's investment (5)
- 3 Unpleasant, though with a point? (5)
- 4 Screw failing to use BACS? (3,6)
- 5 Europeans possibly creating sensation (9)
- 6 Some personal justification in second volume about fairy sign (4-11)

Solution to yesterday's Cryptic

CYCLONE TOBACCO
E O V N E L R S
COLLECTORS ITEMS
I D R E M N A I
LABEL REALISTIC
I L O G U L
APOCRYPHA AGREE
O D I N T E
INDUS PATROLCAR
N E E M O U
BODYBLOWS BUMPS
R N L R T O F S
EVENING PRIMROSE
E S M A A B R T
DUSTPAN PESETAS

Solution to last week's Prize Cryptic

PREFAB FELINE
I O A U O A
ASPARAGUS GRIEG
R E K U E C L O
MANX HELLS ANGEL
O E T I N U D
UNDULATE OUNCE
R I E T E N
PILAF CHESHIRE
L E E A E N A
ABYSSINIAN STAG
T L T O T W R L
EDIFY MARMALADE
N L I E S I
DELETE SPHINX

- 7 Lids observed in food programme on TV? (4,4)
- 8 Son, say, here in Berlin, having change of heart (4)
- 14 Energy in animated character producer reduced - Jungle Book character? (5,4)
- 15 For stronger reasons, favouring arrangement for trio - what's excellent about that? (1,8)
- 16 Resort getting endless stick - long-distance travellers? (8)
- 19 Computer programs audible in part of church (4)
- 20 Letter T is used in articles (5)
- 21 Oriental garment business picked up, investing in computer technology? (2,3)

See the **Inquisitor** crossword on page 22

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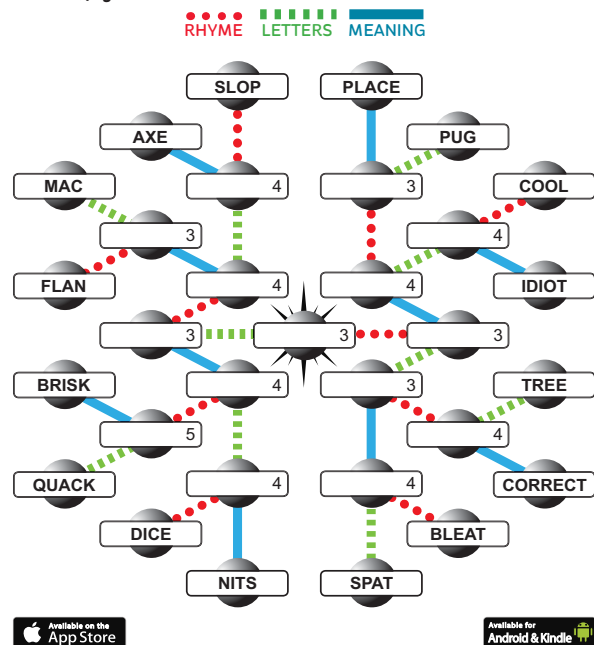
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Maths Puzzle

Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

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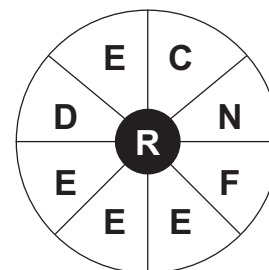
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	+		x	5	65
÷		x		-	
	-		-		-7
12		378		13	

Harder

	x		-		7
x		+		x	
	+		x		63
÷		x		-	
1	-		x		-15
10		72		60	

Word Wheel

This is an open-ended puzzle. How many words of three or more letters, each including the letter at centre of the wheel, can you make from this diagram? We've found 18, including one nine-letter word.



Sudoku, Maths Puzzle, Word Ladder and Word Wheel courtesy of Clarity Media. For more puzzles, see www.clarity-media.co.uk. Solutions, page 62; mini1.co.uk

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RETAIL

Tesco boss's pay reduced by 10% despite turnaround

By Ravender Sembhy

The Tesco boss Dave Lewis took a 10 per cent pay cut last year after receiving a lower annual bonus, despite bringing the supermarket out from an accounting scandal and returning it to growth.

The chief executive, who has been hailed for leading a turnaround of the supermarket since taking the helm in 2014, has seen his pay slip as a result of one-off costs that dented Tesco's most recent results.

Last month, Tesco reported its first annual increase in UK sales for seven years, with the grocery giant's operating profits rising 30 per cent to £1.28bn, while group revenues increased 3.7 per cent to £55.9bn.

However, the firm has also been stung this year by a £235m hit after reaching an agreement with

authorities over its 2014 accounting scandal, which will see it make a hefty compensation payout to investors.

Mr Lewis received £4.1m in total. His base salary remained unchanged at £1.25m, while he received £223,000 in benefits and a £313,000 pension contribution.

The grocery giant is still aiming to slash costs by £1.5bn over the next three years to help boost margins, with thousands of Tesco jobs at risk as part of plans to cut back on night shifts and trading hours.

Tesco's share price has risen more than 14 per cent over the past year, although it remains below the peak it reached before an accounting scandal in 2014

The annual report shows that the second-best-paid executive at Tesco was the finance chief Alan Stewart, who was awarded £2.2m last year, down from £2.6m.

The supermarket is also grappling with investor pressure over its £3.7bn takeover tilt for the food wholesaler Booker, which was agreed in January.

Sir Terry Leahy threw his weight behind the supermarket's controversial deal yesterday.

Sir Terry, credited with turning Tesco into one of the world's largest retailers, praised his former company for taking action despite tough market conditions, such as rising costs because of the weaker pound and intense competition from discounters such as Aldi and Lidl.

"What I like about it is that it's a front-foot play," Sir Terry, who is now chairman of the value retailer



Dave Lewis had his pay reduced as a result of accounting-scandal charges

B&M and a serial investor, said. He added that Sainsbury's takeover of Argos was "interesting" for the same reason. "Clearly the supermarket sector has faced challenges in a long recession. But you can't just sit there and complain your environment is unsuccessful," he said.

His support follows criticism from major investors about the deal, which will give Tesco access to the fast-growing "out-of-home" food sector.

Quote of the day



Never underestimate my recognition of your support. And my respect for your guile

The Barclays boss Jes Staley's reply to a prank email claiming to be from chairman John McFarlane



Is there a breakthrough in cancer treatment?

AstraZeneca has delivered promising results from its latest attempts at treating lung cancer. The pharmaceutical giant's Imfinzi drug was found to "significantly reduce" the risk of stage three inoperable cancer getting worse

in patients who had not responded to chemotherapy.

How seriously should we take the results?

The trial was big, encompassing 235 sites across 26 countries, and was set up as a fairly broad "all-comer" trial. This gives the results a solid footing, although they will need to be replicated. The drug needs approval from medical authorities before it goes into use.

Could it be used for other cancers?

Imfinzi is an immunotherapy drug, which harnesses the body's immune system to attack tumours. It has already been approved in the US for treating certain cases of bladder

cancer. Another closely watched trial of the drug, due to report back in the summer, is looking at its success in tackling lung cancer when combined with other treatments.

Are AstraZeneca shareholders happy with the result?

The positive trial was announced sooner than analysts were expecting, leading to a flurry of buying that sent AstraZeneca's shares up 9 per cent. The announcement is a much-needed win for the company as it invests huge sums in a pipeline of new drugs to replace former money-spinners – such as the cholesterol pill Crestor – which are now open to generic competition.

ENERGY

Npower set for UK losses for third year in a row

By Marion Dakers

The energy company Npower expects to lose money in Britain for the third consecutive year, even before next month's election that could bring caps on household utility bills.

The firm's German parent Innogy blamed an "increasingly tough market" for its mounting losses in the UK, and said it was considering further cost cuts to try to turn around the business.

Its chief financial officer Bernhard Günther told analysts that nowhere in Europe had "a political climate remotely as hostile to utilities as the UK".

Npower lost 211,000 residential and commercial clients in the first three months of the year, a loss of 4.3 per cent of its customer base that left quarterly profits at £34m (£28.9m), down sharply from £130m a year ago. The firm has about 4.6 million clients across the country.

As well as political uncertainty for the industry, Npower has struggled to react to an exodus of households that are switching supplier, compounded by the firm's £26m fine two years ago for sending out inaccurate bills.

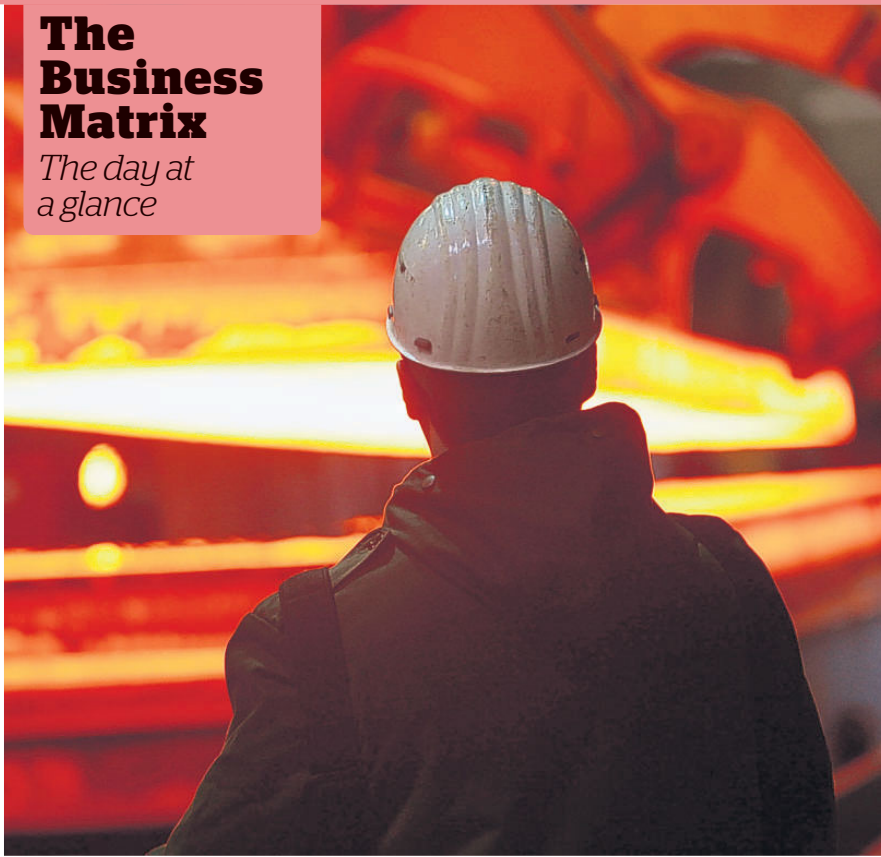
The company raised prices for nearly a million customers by almost 10 per cent in February.

The Conservative Party has pledged to cap standard variable tariffs for energy bills, adopting a policy similar to that proposed by Labour in 2013.

The pledge has the potential to push the industry into a loss, the ratings agency Moody's said this week.

The Business Matrix

The day at a glance



FTSE 100 up 48.8 at 7435.4

Company	Price	Chg	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	High	Low	Company	Price	Chg	High	Low
3i Group	831.5	-	836.5	468.5	Hikma Pharms	1759.0	-36.0	2703.0	1575.0	Shell A	2145.0	+12.5	2295.5	1644.1
Admiral	2035.0	-3.0	2288.0	1680.0	HSBC Hldgs	678.1	+0.1	715.2	392.4	Shell B	2193.5	-1.5	2403.7	1646.0
Anglo Amer	1041.0	-11.0	1529.0	557.0	IAG	599.0	+1.0	614.7	281.7	RSA Insur	616.5	+1.5	629.0	425.6
Antofagasta	774.0	-3.5	905.4	394.5	Imperial Brands	3717.0	+29.5	4154.0	3324.0	Sage	689.5	+2.0	807.5	573.0
AB Foods	2873.0	-	3183.0	1910.0	Informa	653.0	+5.5	704.5	480.0	Sainsbury(J)	264.8	-0.3	282.3	211.5
Ashtead Group	1597.0	-24.0	1764.0	859.0	IntCont Htlis	4270.0	+10.0	4437.7	2615.2	Schroders	3224.0	-42.0	3284.0	1960.0
AstraZeneca	5176.0	+428.5	5505.0	3680.0	Intertek	4169.0	+5.0	4213.0	3037.4	Scottish Mort Inv Tst	387.7	+2.0	389.1	245.1
Aviva	538.5	+1.0	570.5	290.0	Intu Props	279.0	-0.9	319.9	254.7	Seyern Trent	2435.0	+10.0	2526.0	2047.0
Babcock Intl	899.5	+6.0	1112.0	780.0	ITV	192.2	+3.2	225.6	141.0	Shire	4750.5	+68.0	5377.0	2707.2
BAE Systems	640.0	-1.0	657.0	464.8	Johnsson Matth	3130.0	-	3568.0	2774.0	Skky	996.5	-0.5	1050.0	560.0
Barclays	205.9	-0.7	267.3	121.1	Kingfisher	349.9	+4.8	390.6	269.6	Smith&Neph	1321.0	+12.0	1334.0	1064.9
Barratt Dev	605.5	+2.5	624.5	326.0	Land Secs	1132.0	+3.0	1211.0	810.0	Smiths Gp	1649.0	-4.0	1685.0	1028.0
BHP Billiton	1164.0	-9.5	1518.5	786.4	Legal & Gen	255.3	+0.6	262.1	160.5	Smurfit Kappa Grp	2176.0	-29.0	2260.0	1503.9
BP	460.0	+4.0	521.2	349.4	Lloyds Bk Gp	68.7	-1.0	74.0	47.1	SSE	1444.0	-5.0	1644.0	1369.0
BAT	5408.0	+69.0	5408.0	4072.0	Lon Stock Ex	3454.0	+23.0	3459.0	2259.0	Stan Chart	745.6	-6.9	821.6	471.3
British Land	672.0	+5.0	773.4	500.0	Mark&Spn	377.3	+0.3	448.0	255.1	Standard Life	392.6	+7.5	414.9	248.2
BT	305.9	+8.1	453.6	297.4	Mediclinic Intl	847.5	+8.0	1125.0	666.5	St James Place	1180.0	+14.0	1184.0	521.0
Bunzl	2453.0	+12.0	2587.9	1949.5	Merlin Ent	502.5	+2.5	515.5	316.8	Taylor Wimpey	196.1	-2.5	211.9	109.4
Burberry	1645.0	-3.0	1838.0	1039.0	Micro Focus Intl	2465.0	+6.0	2675.0	1408.0	Tesco	178.8	-1.5	219.4	143.1
Carnival	4748.0	-27.0	4867.0	3075.0	Mondi	2014.0	+14.0	2053.0	1240.0	TUI AG	1190.0	+10.0	1231.0	813.0
Centrica	192.4	+0.2	248.4	119.7	Morrison (Wm)	242.3	+0.2	250.0	168.5	Unilever	4102.5	+17.0	4113.5	3019.0
Coca-Cola HBC	2184.0	-6.0	2206.0	1286.0	National Grid	1043.0	+10.5	1148.0	888.9	United Utilities	1027.0	+5.0	1065.5	853.5
Compass	1601.0	+7.0	1639.3	1242.0	Next	4345.0	+43.0	5705.0	3550.0	Vodafone	211.1	+4.8	240.1	186.5
ConvaTec Group	296.7	+1.7	312.9	213.0	Old Mutual	194.7	-0.9	229.8	163.9	Whitbread	4066.0	-26.0	4402.0	3283.0
CRH	2878.0	-14.0	3342.0	1700.0	PaddyPowerBetfair	8325.0	+50.0	10028.6	6525.0	Wolseley	4975.0	-14.0	5285.0	3489.0
Croda Intl	3938.0	+37.0	3955.0	2754.1	Pearson	698.0	-11.0	989.5	552.0	Worldpay Group	316.3	+2.1	320.8	247.6
DCC	7445.0	+40.0	8029.9	5780.0	Persimmon	2360.0	-45.0	2449.0	1170.0	WPP	1706.0	+1.0	1928.1	1204.0
Diageo	2305.0	+8.0	2348.1	1737.0	Prudential Fin	3192.0	-73.0	3402.3	2125.0					
Direct Line Ins	356.6	+2.5	400.7	323.0	Randgrid Res	1759.5	-1.0	1801.5	1096.0					
Easyjet	1294.0	-7.0	1566.0	851.0	Reckitt Ben	7225.0	+75.0	9820.0	5410.0					
Experian	1687.0	+16.0	1695.0	1224.0	RELX	7356.0	+55.0	7786.0	6496.0					
Fresnillo	1521.0	+18.0	2057.2	993.5	Rentokil Initial	1625.0	+21.0	1625.0	631.0					
GKN	345.7	-5.9	379.3	249.4	Rio Tinto	259.2	+3.7	259.5	164.0					
Glencore	285.0	-5.0	347.0	124.5	Rolls-Royce	2970.0	-20.0	3718.5	1853.0					
GSK	1665.0	+37.5	1745.6	1363.0	Royal Mail	863.5	-8.0	895.0	588.0					
Hammerston	591.0	+1.0	606.0	400.0	RBS	430.5	+7.5	549.0	397.4					
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INDUSTRY

Tata's suitor posts mounting losses

ThyssenKrupp, the German steel group in talks to take over ailing Tata UK, has posted widening quarterly losses of £879m (£744m) after selling its Brazilian factory. The firm said its losses this year were likely to be "significant" and its cash flow had turned negative, but steel prices were improving in Europe.

FINANCE

Lay-offs cost Provident £20m

The cost of laying off doorstep lenders has left Provident Financial with a £20m charge, as the firm focuses its efforts on more profitable online loans and credit cards. Provident said in February that it would axe 4,500 self-employed debt collectors and create 2,500 salaried "customer experience managers".

MOTURING

Hyundai recalls 240,000 vehicles

Hyundai is recalling 240,000 cars in South Korea after the government there ordered a recall and an investigation into several defects raised by a whistleblower. The company initially insisted there was no safety risk attached to the faults in 12 models, including the i30 hatchback.

ECONOMY

German GDP picks up in pace

Germany's economy picked up speed in the first three months of the year, outpacing the UK and the United States with a GDP increase of 0.6 per cent. German officials said household spending and company investment were both strong, aided by mild weather.

RETAIL

Aldi sets sights on 1,000 new stores

The boss of Aldi has outlined aggressive expansion plans under which the German supermarket could open over 1,000 new stores. Matthew Barnes told *The Grocer* that Aldi could open up to eight stores in some British towns, taking its total to 2,700 and bring it toe-to-toe with Tesco, currently the biggest retailer.

MARKETS

Cruise firm makes its London debut

Global Ports, a cruise and cargo port company that counts the former Labour minister Lord Mandelson among its directors, has joined the London Stock Market in one of the biggest floats of the year. The firm set its share price at the bottom end of forecasts but debuted with a value of £465m, based on floating a third of the company.

MEDIA

Peppa Pig maker takes £47m hit

Entertainment One's efforts to spread its reach further into film distribution have cost £47m in charges for the year. The firm, which is trying to diversify away from its Peppa Pig franchise, said a new distribution deal would improve profits over the long term, despite a short-term financial hit.

INVESTORS

Clarkson endures CEO pay rebellion

A quarter of shareholders in the shipping company Clarkson rebelled against the firm's plans to pay its boss up to £5.1m next year. The protest was not enough to change the company's plans but adds to growing disquiet among large investors about outsized pay packets.

Markets

FTSE 100	7435.4	+48.8
FTSE 250	19763.0	-32.7
FTSE All Share	4071.2	+20.5
FTSE Eurofirst300	1555.3	+5.3
Dow Jones *	20887.5	-31.9
S&P 500 *	2389.3	-5.1
Nasdaq *	6118.8	+2.9
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HIGH STREET

Retailer bemoans business rates

A Turkish entrepreneur who tried to buy BHS last year said a jump in business rate bills made him rethink plans to expand his Select Fashion retail chain in London. Cafer Mahiroglu said there were plans to open 20 more UK shops this year.

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WORK

Beware of the potential tax risks from work perks

'Benefits in kind' must be declared to HMRC, so make sure you won't be left with a huge tax bill, says **Ben Herbert**

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In the world of employee tax paperwork, the humble P11D doesn't get enough recognition. This form, which covers "benefits in kind" such as company cars, is a vital bit of admin. Without careful checking, employers can suffer hefty penalties for not keeping up to date with obligations.

Every tax year, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) requires employers to report any benefits in kind they have provided to every employee or director on a P11D form. It's important to note that the duty here is for the employer to fill it in, not the employee.

However, workers should carefully check the details when their copy is issued to them - especially their tax code. The deadline for all employers to file is 6 July, regardless of when the company year starts or ends.

WHAT ARE BENEFITS IN KIND?

"Benefits in kind" is a term that encompasses anything an employer provides you that isn't your salary. Common benefits include company cars, private medical insurance and accommodation.

There's a full list of potential perks and their tax implications on HMRC's website, ranging from payments to reward long-serving workers (which do come with tax obligations) through to free coal given to miners and employee counselling services (which usually do not). On the P11D, the benefits are recorded as a cash equivalent. Because these perks contribute to your income, you must pay tax on these benefits. We take a closer look at the biggest ones here:

COMPANY CARS AND TRAVEL

If you have use of a company vehicle for the purpose of work, but also are able to use it for private journeys, you will need to pay tax on the company car. This tax payable depends on the car's list price and its CO2 emissions - the higher these are, the more tax you will pay.

Diesel cars pay an additional tax supplement, while electric or hybrid cars will incur a lower tax charge. The amount of tax payable will depend on what your tax code is, and will be taken directly by your employer from your gross salary in instalments spread over the tax year.

If your employer pays for fuel

you use for personal journeys, you'll need to pay tax on this separately.

As with all benefits in kind, if anything changes about your car or fuel details, it's important to let HMRC know so that they can adjust your tax code if necessary.

Vans are subject to slightly

different rules and exemptions. Meanwhile, pool cars that are shared by workers for business trips only and kept on company premises are not reported in this way. And if a business is covering the cost of congestion charges for a worker's own car, this should be declared. Public



PENSIONS

It may be wise to fill your NI gaps

Gareth Shaw



Prospective MPs, campaigners, and lobbyists are paying attention to the state pension. Readers of **i** responded in their droves this week after a front page story highlighted the surprising shortfall in some people's entitlements.

The full state pension is £159.55 a week, and to get that amount you will need 35 years' worth of national insurance contributions. You may get more or less than this

new single rate if you were "contracted out" of the second state pension. Often people get less because they enjoyed being part of a final salary scheme at some point in their working life.

But more and more are getting to retirement and finding they have not got the 35 years of contributions needed to get the full state pension. Here lies an investment opportunity that could provide a double-digit return.

The Government allows you to fill in gaps in your national insurance history - usually from the past six years. But because it wants to ensure

that people don't lose out from the changes to the state pension system, it is letting people fill gaps as far back as 2006 and giving them until 2023 to do so.

Topping up the state pension might not always be the right step and needs careful consideration; for example, if you are in poor health. But while you are being bombarded with political parties' plans for this cherished benefit, pay attention - not necessarily to the noise of the campaign but to your own situation.

Gareth Shaw writes for 'Which'



Perks such as gym memberships may have tax implications GETTY

transport costs that an employer takes on are also declared, including many schemes for season tickets. Company bicycles are generally exempt, as long as they're available to all employees and mainly used for getting to work. This fits in with the Government's push to get more people cycling to work.

LIVING ACCOMMODATION

If your employer pays for living accommodation for you or one of your relatives, this is also a benefit in kind in many situations – though there are exceptions, mostly to do with why the accommodation has been provided. If the accommodation is necessary for you to do your job,

or means you can perform your job better, such as in the case of resident caretakers or agricultural workers, it may be exempt. Managers living above a pub, or vicars in their parish, are other examples. If you are not exempt, however, the tax you'll pay depends on how much the accommodation cost. If your employer also pays anything else such as bills, or provides furniture, this will also need to be declared.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

In most situations, you'll have to pay tax on the cost of the insurance premium if your employer provides medical insurance as a benefit. This doesn't include medical insurance when you're working abroad or one annual check-up. However, it is likely that everything else will count.

LOANS

A benefit in kind arises if an employer gives a low-interest or interest-free loan of more than £10,000 to staff. The tax will be calculated on the difference between the interest you pay to your employer and the official interest rate set by the Bank of England.

EXEMPTIONS

There are some benefits you are allowed to receive without having to pay tax. These include workplace parking, training, staff canteen meals and Christmas parties (as long as they cost £150 or less per head per year). You can also get help paying for childcare – check the gov.uk website to see what you are entitled to.

As with all things tax, regulations and obligations are subject to change. There was a recent change that allowed employers to include some employee benefits on the payroll, rather than submitting a P11D. This means tax is paid on the benefits throughout the year, rather than paying in arrears with a potential catch-up payment. Employers must have registered to do this before 5 April for the 2017-18 tax year.

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funeral, the most popular choice was less than £1,000. This is far below the average cost of a funeral, which the Money Advice Service has estimated at £3,675.

A third of adults have spoken to their partner about their funeral wishes, and 28 per cent have talked to other family members.



More motorists are turning to credit deals to buy their next car, with the value of loans continuing to rise in the first three months of the year.

Credit providers have reported a 10 per cent rise in the value of new car loans, outstripping the 3 per cent rise in the number of car sales on credit compared to last year.

The trend is also mirrored in second-hand car sales. The British car market had its busiest month ever in March, bouncing back from the recession with a boom fuelled

by rock-bottom interest rates. More than 86 per cent of new private car purchases are now made on finance, the Finance and Leasing Association said. This contributes to a £41bn debt pile linked to vehicles.



Ahead of National Vegetarian Week that begins on Monday, financial planners have estimated that the average household spends £50,000 on meat and fish over the course of a lifetime, compared to £16,300 on fresh vegetables.

Tilney said households topped up this spending with £9,300 on fresh fruit over the course of a lifetime, and £3,900 on other fruit and nut-based products. Nevertheless, just 2 per cent of the UK population considers itself vegetarian.

The biggest meat-eaters are aged between 50 and 64, who spend around £950 a year on both meat and fish.

Top Savings Accounts

EASY ACCESS

Provider	Account	Notice or Term	Deposit	AER
RCI Bank UK (A)	Freedom Savings	None	£100	1.10%
Yorkshire BS	Single Access Saver 4	Instant	£100	1.10% (B)
Britannia	Select Access Saver 7	Instant	£500	1.10%
Tesco Bank	Internet Saver	None	£1	1.06% (B)
Bank of Cyprus UK	Online Easy Access	None	£1	1.05% (B)

SHORT-TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Account	Notice or Term	Deposit	AER
Charter Savings Bank	Fixed Rate Bond	18-mth bond	£1,000	1.58% (F)
Charter Savings Bank	Fixed Rate Bond	1-yr bond	£1,000	1.55% (F)
BLME (C)	Premier Deposit Acc	18-mth bond	£25,000	1.55% (F)
Aldermore	Fixed Rate Account	1-yr bond	£1,000	1.50% (F)
Union Bank of India (UK) Ltd	Term Deposit	1-yr bond	£1,000	1.50% (F)

LONG-TERM FIXED RATES

Provider	Account	Notice or Term	Deposit	AER
Milestone Savings (C)	Fixed Term Deposit	5-yr bond	£10,000	2.30% (F)
Paragon Bank	Fixed Rate	5-yr bond	£1,000	2.25% (F)
BLME (C)	Premier Deposit Acc	5-yr bond	£25,000	2.25% (F)
United Bank UK	Fixed Deposit	5-yr bond	£2,000	2.20% (F)
Shawbrook Bank	Fixed Rate Bond	7-yr bond	£5,000	2.20% (F)

VARIABLE ISAS

Provider	Account	Notice or Term	Deposit	AER
Hinckley & Rugby BS	120 Day Notice ISA	120 Day	£500	1.20%
Post Office Money*	Online ISA Access 10	None	£100	1.01% (B)
Skipston BS	Bonus Cash ISA Issue 8	None	£1	1.00% (B)
Al Rayan Bank (C)	Notice Cash ISA	60 Day	£250	1.00%
AA	AA ISA - Easy Access 10	None	£100	0.96% (B)

CREDIT INTEREST PAYING CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Provider	Account	Min Funding (pm)	Account fee	AER at £1K
TSB	Classic Plus	£500	Nil	3.00% (D)
Halifax	Reward Current	£750	Nil	£3.00pm (E)
Nationwide BS	FlexDirect	£1,000	Nil	5.00% (B)
Tesco Bank	Current Account	£750	Nil	3.00%
Bank of Scotland	Classic with Vantage	£1,000	Nil	2.00%

(A) = Protected by non-UK compensation scheme. (B) = Introductory rate for a limited period. (C) = This provider operates under Islamic finance principles, rate shown is expected profit rate. (D) = Up to £10pm reward available. (E) = Paid as a reward. (F) = Fixed rate. All rates are shown as AER variable unless otherwise stated. Methods of opening and operating accounts vary. Current account interest rates paid up to a specified level, terms may apply to qualify for rates shown.

Top Borrowing Accounts

FIXED-RATE MORTGAGES

Provider	Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee
Sainsbury's Bank	1.24%	to 31.7.19	75%	£995
Leak United BS	1.90%	to 30.6.19	90%	£995
Post Office Money*	1.88%	to 30.6.20	85%	£495
Yorkshire BS	1.74%	to 31.8.22	65%	£995
Leak United BS	2.55%	to 30.6.22	90%	£995

VARIABLE RATE MORTGAGES

Provider	Rate	Period	Max LTV	Fee
Coventry BS	1.39%	for term	75%	£999
Coventry BS	1.59%	for term	85%	£999
Coventry BS	1.79%	for term	75%	£499
Coventry BS	1.99%	for term	85%	£499
Coventry BS	2.29%	for term	90%	£999

CURRENT ACCOUNT OVERDRAFT SELECTION

Provider	Account	Auth EAR	Unauth EAR	0% overdraft limit
first direct	1st Account	15.9%	15.9%	£250
M&S Bank	M&S Current	15.9%	15.9%	£100
Post Office Money*	Standard Account	14.6%	14.6%	Nil
The Co-operative Bank	Current Account	18.9%	18.9%	Nil
Tesco Bank	Current Account	18.9%	18.9%	Nil

CREDIT CARDS STANDARD RATE

Provider	Card Type	Rate PM	PA/APR	Min income
AA	Low Rate CC MC	0.475%	5.9%	£8K
Tesco Bank	Clubcard Low APR MC	0.482%	5.9%	£5K
Sainsbury's Bank	Low Rate MC	0.482%	5.9%	-
Bank of Scotland	Platinum Low Rate MC	0.522%	6.4%	-
Halifax	Flexicard MC	0.522%	6.4%	-

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MARION
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Four in 10 people who have had to **organise a funeral** for a loved one were worried about the cost, according to a poll. Nearly one in five people said they felt pressurised to spend more than they wanted on the send-off, Beagle Street's survey of 2,000 people found.

Despite the fears of relatives over funeral bills, people expect their own final goodbyes to be much cheaper than they generally are. When asked to pick a price bracket for their own

Today's Weather

Bright and dry for central and southern England and Wales with patchy rain in the west later. Frequent thundery showers further north.

Today's high

19°C

Today's low

7°C

Moon Phase



Sunrise

05:11

Sunset

20:43

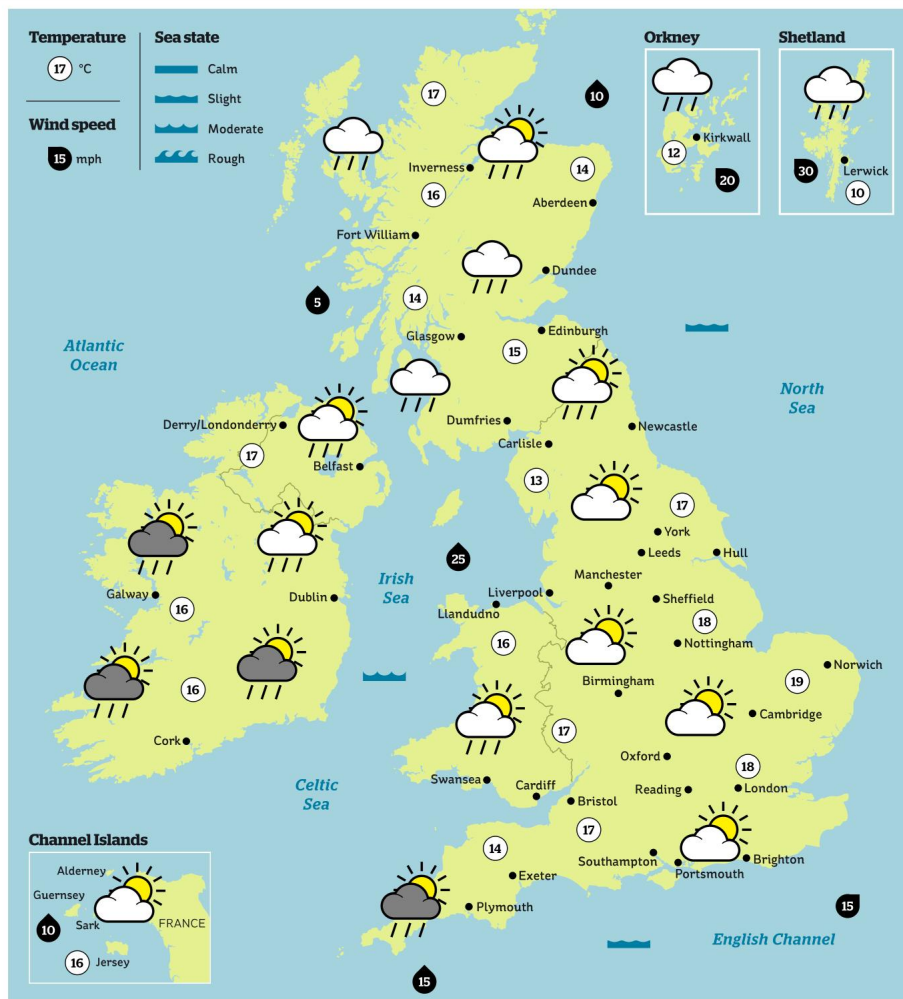
Around Britain

City	Temp (Midday yesterday)	Rain (mm)	Sun (hrs)
Aberdeen	10 C	0.0	2.6
Aberporth	13 C	3.6	0.7
Aberystwyth	15 C	2.5	1.7
Aviemore	18 F	0.0	11.3
Belfast	14 DR	1.6	0.9
Birmingham	15 C	4.6	2.7
Bournemouth	16 F	6.6	1.7
Bridlington	13 C	0.0	5.0
Bristol	15 C	4.8	0.8
Cardiff	15 C	7.2	0.4
Cromer	18 C	0.0	5.4
Durham	13 C	0.0	4.0
Eastbourne	14 C	6.4	5.5
Edinburgh	12 F	0.0	0.9
Eskdalemuir	15 F	0.0	5.5
Glasgow	14 F	0.0	4.8
Holyhead	15 SH	2.0	0.6
Hove	14 C	6.4	5.5
Hull	14 C	0.1	1.0
Huntingdon	16 C	3.2	4.3
Ipswich	17 C	1.0	3.0
Isle of Man	14 C	0.2	0.9
Isle of Wight	13 F	4.0	4.7
Kinlochewe	18 F	0.0	7.4
Kirkwall	11 F	0.0	6.4
Leeds	14 C	0.0	3.1
Lerwick	10 F	0.0	7.2
Leuchars	11 C	0.0	0.7
Lincoln	12 C	1.5	1.8
Liverpool	14 R	1.1	3.9
London	16 SH	2.2	3.7
Manchester	13 R	3.4	1.5
Margate	17 F	2.0	5.2
Milford Haven	13 C	1.0	1.5
Morecambe	15 SH	2.7	3.1
Newcastle	11 C	0.0	4.9
Norwich	17 C	0.3	5.4
Nottingham	11 C	2.2	1.0
Okehampton	12 C	4.9	1.2
Oxford	14 SH	5.7	1.7
Plymouth	12 R	5.3	1.9
Portland	13 C	3.2	3.7
Portsmouth	15 F	7.8	4.9
Prestwick	18 F	0.0	6.0
Rhyl	12 R	0.8	3.2
Sheffield	10 R	1.2	2.1
Shrewsbury	12 C	5.1	0.8
Skegness	15 C	0.5	4.0
Southend	16 C	1.0	3.7
Stoke	10 R	2.2	2.5
Stornoway	14 C	0.4	1.0
Swansea	14 DR	3.2	2.5
Tiree	12 C	0.2	2.4

Global

City	Temp	Cond	City	Temp	Cond
Abu Dhabi	37 S		Miami	31 S	
Abuja	30 F		Milan	18 C	
Alicante	28 F		Moscow	5 S	
Amsterdam	17 SH		Mumbai	33 S	
Athens	25 F		Munich	19 F	
Bangkok	29 SH		New York	17 F	
Barcelona	23 S		Nice	18 F	
Beijing	26 S		Palma	22 S	
Berlin	20 F		Paris	19 C	
Brussels	20 F		Prague	18 S	
Budapest	22 SH		Reykjavik	8 SH	
Chicago	16 F		Rio	24 C	
Delhi	38 F		Rome	24 F	
Dubai	38 S		Stockholm	9 S	
Dublin	14 C		Strasbourg	21 S	
Frankfurt	17 SH		Sydney	18 C	
Geneva	15 SH		Tenerife	23 C	
Helsinki	7 S		Tokyo	27 S	
Hong Kong	30 F		Toronto	11 C	
Istanbul	20 F		Vancouver	12 SH	
Johannesburg	18 F		Vienna	23 F	
Lisbon	18 C		Warsaw	17 F	
Los Angeles	19 S		Washington	13 R	
Madrid	16 C		Wellington	13 C	

Key: C=Cloudy, DR=Drizzle, F=Fair, FG=Fog, H=Hail, M=Mist, R=Rain, S=Sunny, SH=Showers, SL=Sleet, SN=Snow, SS=Sandstorm, TH=Thunderstorm

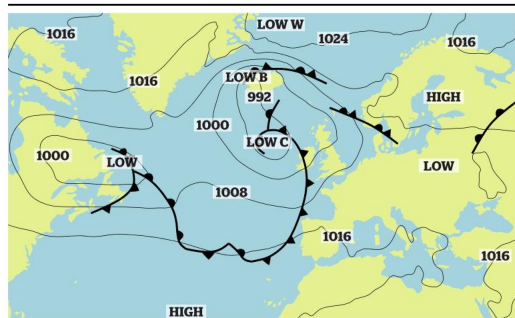


GENERAL SITUATION A cell of high pressure centered over Greenland will allow a vast area of low pressure over the Atlantic to influence the weather across the UK, bringing unsettled conditions with outbreaks of showery rain for western and northern areas. Meanwhile, a new center of low pressure in the Atlantic will deepen and move north, pushing a more organized front from the west by the evening with patchy rain for south-west England and Wales. **Cen S England, SE Eng, Channel Is, London, East Anglia, Midlands:** Early patchy rain will soon clear eastwards. It will then be a bright day with spells of sunshine but

also a good deal of cloud around and the small chance of a very isolated shower during the afternoon. There will be a moderate south-westerly wind. Highs slightly above the seasonal average. Max temp: 19°C. Tonight, rain moving in. Min temp: 8°C. **SW England, N Wales, S Wales:** There is going to be a fair amount of cloud during the morning with a few outbreaks of showery rain clearing northwards. It will then be cloudy but dry for a time but rain is expected to move in by the late afternoon from the west. Wet during the evening. There will be a moderate south-westerly wind. Max temp: 17°C. Tonight, spells of

rain. Min temp: 7°C. **NW Eng, NE Eng, E Eng, IoM:** It looks set to be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of showery rain during the morning and early afternoon. The rain will then clear north leading to some bright spells, although an isolated shower will be still possible. There will be a moderate south-westerly wind. Highs close to the seasonal average. Max temp: 18°C. Tonight, spells of rain. Min temp: 8°C. **NW Scotland, N Isles, W Isles, NE Scotland, SW Scotland, SE Scotland:** It is going to be unsettled and cloudy with frequent showers and thunderstorm throughout the day. These will tend to merge into

longer spells of showery rain moving north, with rumble of thunder. There will be a moderate southerly winds. Highs slightly above the average for this time of year. Max temp: 17°C. Tonight, spells of rain. Min temp: 7°C. **Republic of Ireland, N Ireland:** Cloudy with showers across Ulster and Connaught in the morning, but it will be drier and sunnier across Munster and Leinster. The afternoon will see showers affecting all areas, some of these heavy and perhaps thundery. There will be a light to moderate south-westerly wind. Max temp: 17°C. Tonight, clear spells. Min temp: 7°C.



Key: 1024 Isobars: air pressure in millibars Warm front Cold front Occluded front

SYNOPTIC PRESSURE A cell of high pressure to the north of UK, High W, will move east towards Scandinavia. A new centre of low pressure, Low C, will deepen and move northwards maintaining slightly unsettled conditions across the UK, and pushing a more organized front from the west by the evening. Low B will fill and merge with Low C.

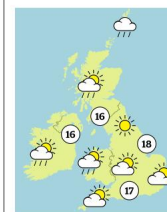
HIGHS & LOWS

(Yesterday, up to 2pm)
Warmest: Threave, Dumfries & Galloway, 20°C
Colest: Altnaharra, Sutherland, 0°C
Wettest: Usk, Monmouthshire, 26.8mm
Sunniest: Kinloss, Moray, 10.0hrs

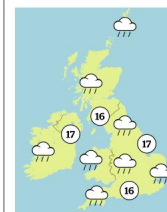
HOURS OF DARKNESS

Aberdeen	21.19-04.50
Birmingham	20.54-05.13
Bristol	20.52-05.20
Cardiff	20.55-05.22
Glasgow	21.19-05.06
Hull	20.53-05.01
Inverness	21.29-04.54
Liverpool	21.02-05.13
London	20.43-05.10
Manchester	21.00-05.10
Stornoway	21.42-05.01
Swansea	20.58-05.24
York	20.57-05.03

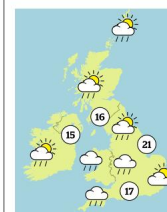
Five-day outlook



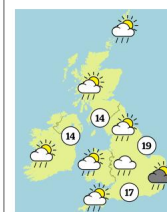
SUNDAY Bright with sunny spells but also showers. Chance of thunderstorms, most frequent over Scotland and isolated elsewhere.



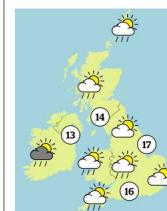
MONDAY It will be overcast and dull with long spells of rain. Heavy and thundery showers expected in the afternoon across western Scotland.



TUESDAY It will be largely dry but rather cloudy with a few showers in north-western Scotland. Rain moving in later from the south-west.



WEDNESDAY Unsettled with rain clearing eastwards, followed by bright spells and a development of scattered showers in the afternoon.



THURSDAY Bright at first and largely dry. However, frequent showers will develop widely around midday across the UK, some thundery.

Sport

Up

A good day for...



RAFAEL NADAL

Spaniard beat David Goffin to set up Madrid semi-final against Novak Djokovic

CALEB EWAN

Australian rider wins his first ever stage at the Giro d'Italia

MAURICIO POCHETTINO

Tottenham Hotspur coach named manager of month for April after six victories



DANNY WILLETT

Englishman pulls out of the Players Championship at Sawgrass due to back injury

FERNANDO ALONSO

Poor day at Spanish GP, with his McLaren-Honda breaking down in practice

RANGI CHASE

Castleford player being investigated after allegedly fighting in a bar

Down
...A bad day for

CRICKET

'I love being England captain, but I still feel I am growing into the job'

Heather Knight tells **Chris Stocks** injury won't stop her being ready for the biggest summer of her life

Heather Knight didn't envisage starting the biggest summer of her career scoring for her boyfriend's local club. However, that's exactly what the England captain did last Sunday when she turned up at Hanham Cricket Club in Bristol.

Knight, recovering from a metatarsal injury that has clouded England's build-up to next month's home World Cup, says: "On crutches, I can't do too much so they cornered me and got me to score."

"I'd forgotten how hard it was. I used to get a fiver and free teas at my old cricket club when I did it as a kid but I only got free tea this time."

The good news for England is that Knight expects to be scoring runs out in the middle again rather than on the sidelines by the time her team open their World Cup campaign against India at Derby on 24 June.

"It's the smallest stress fracture our doctor's ever seen apparently," Knight tells **i**. "It's not ideal preparation but the main thing is I should be good to go for the World Cup."

England will not start the tournament as favourites. "Australia will wear that tag," says Knight. "But if we get the home support behind us and make the most of home conditions, we are confident we can be in that final."

That will be at Lord's on 23 July, but how ever England fare, this promises to be the biggest and most visible women's World Cup so far.

The women's game has developed hugely since the England team turned professional in 2014. The 2015 Ashes, the last time England faced Australia, was the first to have every game televised.

Later that year, the first edition of the Women's Big Bash League in Australia took place, a tournament most of England's leading players participated in. Then last summer,



Heather Knight took over as England captain last summer

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the England & Wales Cricket Board rolled out its own women's franchise T20 competition – the Super League.

This World Cup is another opportunity to sell the women's game to a wider audience, especially with every game being broadcast live for the first time. "I'm massively

excited," says Knight. "What an opportunity to play a home World Cup and it's going to be the most publicised, most watched and probably most talked-about ever."

"I think it's the best time to be involved in women's cricket there's ever been. As players we count ourselves very lucky."

The growth in the women's game has been recognised by the International Cricket Council, which this year is offering a total prize fund for the World Cup of \$1m

(£776,000) – a significant jump from the £155,000 on offer at the last tournament four years ago.

"I guess it's a statement from the ICC that women's cricket is growing and it's a step towards equality to the men's game," says Knight.

This will be the first World Cup since 1993 that England go into without former captain Charlotte Edwards. Knight succeeded Edwards when the latter retired last May after 20 years in the international game.

It was a huge job for the 26-year-old take on but it's one she has relished. "I've loved it," says Knight. "I feel I've grown into the job and I still feel like I'm growing every day."

It is the Super League, rather than the World Cup, that is likely to be the long-term driver for growth in the women's game in England.

This summer it will be televised for the first time after the ECB's decision not to screen a single ball of the first year's competition for fear it would not be of the requisite quality.

"I think this year's going to be bigger and better," Knight says. "TV coverage is a big thing and that will help to grow the audience. One of the best things [last year] was the amount of young girls there watching. I spoke to some of them and a lot hadn't come to see women's cricket before and they absolutely loved it."

"When I was growing up as a kid, I looked up to the likes of Michael Atherton and Marcus Trescothick, the players I watched on telly and wanted to emulate."

"I didn't know anything about women's cricket at all. So it's amazing we're in a position now where young girls can turn on the telly and watch women play."

It's no surprise then Knight admits she is recognised more on the street now than she ever was. "It's quite a strange feeling," she says. "I guess it's a sign of where the women's game has come from and where it's going."

It's a feeling she will have to get used to, especially if she leads England to glory this summer.

Heather Knight was speaking during the launch of NatWest's 'Cricket has no boundaries' campaign which celebrates the sport's inclusivity, natwest.com/cricket #NoBoundaries

Vince's record ton in vain as Glamorgan steal victory

By Sports Staff

James Vince scored Hampshire's highest ever one-day score but Glamorgan heroes Colin Ingram and Chris Cooke pulled off a stunning run chase to steal victory at the Ageas Bowl.

Captain Vince (*right*) beat Gordon Greenidge's previous best of 177

in 1975 as he struck 178 which also marked his best career score.

But Ingram crashed a brutal century before Cooke got the hosts over the line with an unbeaten 59 from 27 balls – with the visitors chasing 332 for a three-wicket victory.

Adam Hose hit his maiden century for Somerset as the South Group leaders strengthened their position

with a 81-run win over local rivals Gloucestershire in a match reduced to 46 overs per side at Bristol.

The 24-year-old batsman finished unbeaten on 101, off 93 balls, with six fours and three sixes, as his side rattled up 294 for 6 on a dry pitch, having won the toss.

Captain Jim Allenby hit 90, while Matt Taylor was the pick of the home attack, taking three for 48. Needing 297 to win under Duckworth/

Lewis, Gloucestershire could manage only 215 all out.

Ben Foakes added to his growing reputation with an unbeaten 82 as Surrey kept alive their hopes of reaching the quarter-finals by beating Kent by 44 runs at the Kia Oval.

Surrey rallied from 141 for 5 to reach 251 for 7 in an innings reduced to 41 overs by rain interruptions.

In reply, Kent could only reach 204 all out.



Results Service

CRICKET

ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP - GROUP A
Derbyshire v Lancashire, Blackpool: Derbyshire 132-2 (21.3 overs; B T Slater 60no). Lancashire 162-7 (17.5 overs). Lancashire (2pts) won by 3 wickets (D/L Method).

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire, Grace Road:
Northamptonshire 121-1. No result, 1 point each.

Warwickshire v Worcestershire, New Road:
Warwickshire 304-5 (49 overs; I R Bell 104, R Clarke 80no). Worcestershire 241-7 (31.5 overs; J M Clarke 56, G T Thornton 4-42). Worcestershire (2pts) won by 3 wickets (D/L Method).

ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP - GROUP B
Middlesex v Essex, Chelmsford: Middlesex 148 (40.2 overs; P I Walter 4-37, J A Porter 4-40). Essex 149-3 (29.4 overs; A N Cook 67no). Essex (2pts) won by 7 wickets.

Somerset v Gloucestershire, Bristol: Somerset 294-6 (46 overs; A J Hose 100no, J Allenby 90). Gloucestershire 215 (41.5 overs; J M R J M R Taylor 68). Somerset (2pts) won by 81 runs (D/L Method).

Hampshire v Glamorgan, The Ageas Bowl:
Hampshire 332-6 (49 overs; J M Vince 178, L A Dawson 74, M de Lange 5-49). Glamorgan 334-7 (48.5 overs; C A Ingram 115, C B Cooke 59no). Glamorgan (2pts) won by 3 wickets.

Surrey v Kent, The Kia Oval: Surrey 251-7 (41 overs; B T Foakes 82no). Kent 204 (35.4 overs; S W Billings 69, S C Meaker 4-37). Surrey (2pts) won by 44 runs (D/L Method).

THIRD TEST MATCH

Pakistan v West Indies, Dominica: Pakistan 376 (146.3 overs; Azhar Azhar Ali 127, Misbah-ul-Haq 59, Babar Azeem 55, Sarfraz Ahmed 51, R L Chase 4-102). West Indies 142-3 (65.1 overs).

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Stage 7 (Castrovillari - Alberobello - 224km) 1 C Ewan (Aus) Orica-Scott 5h 35m 18s, 12 G Thomas (GB) Team Sky +2s, 15 A Yates (GB) Orica-Scott at same time. **Overall:** 1 B Jungels (Lux) Quick-Step Floors 33h 55m 7s, 2 Thomas +6s, 3 Yates +10s.

RUGBY LEAGUE

LADBROKES CHALLENGE CUP SIXTH ROUND

Hull (28) 62 **Catalans Dragons** (0) 0

Hull: Tries: Michaels (3), Griffin, Fonus, Watts, Taylor, Turgut, Thompson, Shaui (2). **Goals:** Sneyd (2), Connor (5). **Att:** 6,170.

Salford (6) 24 **Hull K R** (14) 14

Salford: Tries: Lannon, Kopczak, Brinning, Murdoch, Masila. **Goals:** Dobson (4).

Hull K R: Tries: Lunt (2). **Goals:** Ellis (3).

Dewsbury (0) 6 **Wakefield** (24) 54

Dewsbury: Tries: A Brown. **Goals:** Glover.

Wakefield: Tries: 2 Tupou (2), Ashurst, Williams (2), Caton-Brown (3), Gibson. **Goals:** Finn (3).

RUGBY UNION

EUROPEAN CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Gloucester (10) 17 **Stade Français** (10) 25

Gloucester: Tries: May, Moriarty. **Conversions:** Burns (2). **Penalties:** Burns. **Stade Français:** Tries: Parisse, Danty, Doumayrou. **Conversions:** Plisson, Steyn. **Penalties:** Plisson, Steyn.

TENNIS

ATP & WTA MUTUA MADRID OPEN, SPAIN: Men's Qtr-finals: P Cuevas (Uru) bt A Zverev (Ger) 3-6, 6-0, 6-4; (4) R Nadal (Sp) bt (9) D Goffin (Bel) 7-6 (7-3), 6-2; (2) N Djokovic (Serb) bt (6) K Nishikori (Japan) w/o. **Women's Semi-finals:** (14) K MLADENOVIC (F) bt (8) S KUZNETSOVA (Rus) 6-4, 7-5 (7-4); (3) S Halep (Rom) bt A Sevastova (Lat) 6-2, 6-3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

MOTORCYCLING

WORLD SUPERBIKE CH'SHIP RD 5 (Imola, Italy, all weekend) **NORTH WEST 200** (Portstewart, Northern Ireland).

MOTOR RACING

FIA FORMULA 1 SPANISH GRAND PRIX (Circuit De Barcelona-Catalunya, Barcelona, all weekend).

RUGBY LEAGUE

THE LADBROKES CHALLENGE CUP SIXTH ROUND (30). Castelford v St Helens (2-30).

RUGBY UNION

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP FINAL (50). Clermont Auvergne v Saracens.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP (11am) - **Group A:** Leicestershire v Derbyshire (Grace Road); Nottinghamshire v Lancashire (Trent Bridge); Warwickshire v Yorkshire (Edgbaston).

Group B: Gloucestershire v Durham (New Road); Warwickshire v Essex (Swansea); Somerset v Essex (Taunton); Surrey v Hampshire (The Kia Oval); Sussex v Gloucestershire (Eastbourne).

RUGBY LEAGUE

THE LADBROKES CHALLENGE CUP SIXTH ROUND (30). Leeds v Barrow, Swinton v Wigan, Warrington v Widnes.

FORMULA ONE

Alonso opts for game of tennis as engine fails again

By Philip Duncan

AT THE CIRCUIT DE CATALUNYA

Fernando Alonso rued the latest miserable day of his recent Formula One career after his McLaren was struck down by further Honda reliability woes during first practice for the Spanish Grand Prix.

Alonso was forced to park his car after just three turns of the Circuit de Catalunya following an oil leak during his initial outing on the track.

It marked the latest in a succession of lows for the double world champion who has failed to reach the chequered flag in any of the four grands prix staged so far this season.

Alonso did not even start the most recent race in Russia after his engine expired on the way to the grid.

And, embarrassingly for both Honda and Alonso, in front of his legion of Spanish fans here, history repeated itself yesterday.

With smoke billowing from his engine, Alonso hitched a lift back to the McLaren garage on the back of a scooter. But rather than watch his contemporaries rack up the mileage during the 90-minute session, he deserted the paddock, with his trainer Edoardo Bordinelli in tow, for a game of tennis. Alonso made no secret of his departure from the track - he posed with bemused fans as he left



Fernando Alonso left the Barcelona circuit after his latest blow-up

the circuit - and then posted a picture to Instagram. "Keeping the body active," he wrote.

His actions could be viewed as a very public gesture to those at Honda to solve the issues which have thwarted both his and McLaren's season.

Alonso returned to the circuit for the day's second running, but he was the slowest of all the 20 runners and completed the fewest laps.

"It's not my career," Alonso said. "It is not my ability. It is not my image. It

The engine was not good enough. We came out of the pit lane and there was a hole in it with oil streaming out

is their [Honda's] career. Their ability, their money, and their image.

"I drive to support the team, and drive as fast as I can, but the problem is not entirely mine. It is a much bigger problem for them.

"The engine was not good enough. We came out of the pit lane and there was a hole in the engine, and the oil was streaming out. It blew up after 400 metres."

Alonso returned for the second practice session with a new engine in the back of his McLaren but was slowest of all the drivers, more than three seconds off Lewis Hamilton's fastest time in his Mercedes.

With a raft of updates on his and Valtteri Bottas's car, Hamilton led home a one-two in both practice sessions.

Hamilton's best effort of 1 minute 20.802 seconds saw him finish 0.090sec ahead of team-mate Bottas - who grabbed his debut victory last time out in Russia - with Kimi Raikkonen leading Ferrari's effort 0.8sec behind and Sebastian Vettel a further 10th of a second back in fourth.



In-form Tempest can stir a storm at Ascot

By Anita Chambers

Fastnet Tempest made a satisfactory return when third at Newbury last month and can land a nice early-season prize in the totescoop6 Victoria Cup at Ascot.

Beaten just half a length in the Spring Cup, he possibly hit the front a bit too early that day and waiting a fraction longer to launch his challenge can pay dividends here.

UAE Prince is a horse on the up and can take the next step up the ladder with Listed gold in the Carey

MOTORCYCLING

Honda pull out of North West 200 after McGuinness injury

By Jack de Menezes

Guy Martin has been withdrawn from the superbike and superstock classes at the North West 200 on safety grounds after Honda Racing elected not to continue at the event in Northern Ireland following serious injuries suffered by team-mate John McGuinness in a crash in practice

on Thursday, ruling him out of the upcoming Isle of Man TT.

The 23-time Isle of Man TT winner McGuinness came off his superbike at high speed while taking the left-hander at Primrose Hill. Honda Racing team confirmed that McGuinness (left) will undergo surgery at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast after suffering a compound



fracture of his lower right leg, along with four broken vertebrae and three broken ribs, and he will be in a cast for at least six weeks.

Despite receiving the damaged Fireblade back from race officials, Honda do not yet know what caused the crash for McGuinness and, with the possibility that it was a technical failure, have decided to pull out of running Martin's bike in the superbike and superstock classes.

Martin will be in action today though as he will run in the supersport class on the Wilson Craig Honda, which he rode on Thursday to a 16th place finish in a race won by Martin Jessop.

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RACING

Hymn on song for Dettori

Western Hymn could be heading to Royal Ascot after nailing US Army Ranger on the line to snatch victory in the Boodles Diamond Ormonde Stakes at Chester. The Hardwicke Stakes is possible for the John Gosden-trained six-year-old after he took the scalp of last year's Chester Vase winner and Derby runner-up and was cut to 12-1 for the Group Two next month. Twelve months on from finishing second in the Huxley Stakes at this meeting, Western Hymn (far left) took the one-mile-five-and-a-half furlongs in his stride, winning by a short head over Ryan Moore's mount. Gosden and Dettori completed a double when Gymnaste stormed home in the TMT Group Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Group Buckhounds Stakes. Winner of a Ripon handicap on his return, Roger Varian has found a nice opportunity here with next month's Hardwicke Stakes in mind.

Meanwhile, Qemah should be the star of the show at Lingfield as she makes her seasonal bow in the Bedford 'Supports Jack Berry House' Chantwell Fillies' Stakes.

Trainer Jean-Claude Rouget (right) has already set his sights on a return to Royal Ascot, where Qemah recorded one of two Group One victories in last year's Coronation Stakes.

That verdict was certainly no flash in the pan either as the daughter of Danehill Dancer had already placed at the highest level as a juvenile and followed home the top-class La Cressonniere when third in the French Guineas last May.

Conditions were on the easy side at Ascot, but Qemah showed she does not have to have cut when following up on good ground in the Prix Rothschild at Deauville before

Sir John Lavery is in a different league and likely to be a short price as he bids to book his Epsom ticket



eventually coming unstuck on her final outing of the year when third in the Matron at Leopardstown.

Sir John Lavery is another likely to be a short price as he bids to book his Epsom ticket in the Betfred Derby Trial. He appeared to be in a different league to his rivals when winning by seven lengths at Gowran last October on what was just his second start.

Hailing from the family of Hawk Wing, he is an obvious choice for this race.

Camerone might not have such clear-cut claims in the Betfred Mobile Oaks Trial Fillies' Stakes but it is always dangerous to ignore a Ralph Beckett-trained runner in this race.

Beckett seems to favour this event with his true Oaks contenders, with Look Here finishing second in 2008 before claiming Epsom glory while Secret Gesture won the race in 2013 before being edged out by a stablemate in the main event. Much like those two fillies, Camerone has not been overly tested yet.

PICK OF THE DAY'S RACING

ASCOT

ROSLING KING HANDICAP (CLASS 3) £15,000

added 1m 4f

1 114-13 LORD GEORGE J Fanshawe 4 9 9 G Wood (5) 4

2 3315-0 SOUTHDOWN LAD (D) W Knight 4 9 7

3 438-11 JACOB CATS (D) W Knight 8 9 6 Martin Harley 1

4 313-3 APPEARED (D) R Varian 5 9 4 A Atzeni 1

5 0126-1 MOHATEM Owen Burrows 5 9 3 J Crowley 7

6 03-252 GETBACK IN PARIS R Hughes 4 9 2 F M Berry 3

7 123-11 MORNINGTON (D) M Trengoon 4 9 0

8 164-8 WILLIAM HUNTER (CD) A King 5 8 13 K Shoemark (3) 9

9 2106-7 MARK HOPKINS (D) D Elsworth 5 8 11

10 2240-5 FLEETING VISIT Eve J-Houghton 4 8 10 J Fahy 10

11 3143-3 BATT'S ROCK (D) M Bell 4 8 10 J P Spencer 5

- 11 declared -

BETTING: 7-2 Lord George, 4-1 Appeared, 6-1 Mohatem, 7-1 Jacob Cats, 8-1 Mornington, 12-1 Batts Rock, Getback In Paris, William Hunter, 14-1 others.

FORM VERDICT

An interesting encounter to start off the day's feature meeting and Roger Varian could have another Saturday winner for Sheikh Obaid with his Dubai gelding **Appeared** who followed home last week's Newmarket scorer **Frontierman** when last seen and looks feasibly treated here off a mark of 91. Owen Burrows' **Mohatem** was an impressive victor on his seasonal bow at Yarmouth and could handle the 7lb rise while **Mornington** has to enter the equation on a hat-trick seeking mission. **Getback In Paris** was narrowly denied last time and could easily have more to come now stepping up in trip but it may be worth siding with the William Knight pair of **Southdown Lad**, who didn't have much luck in running in the Rosebery at Kempton last time, and **JACOB CATS**, who comes here having notched up a pair of all-weather victories at the Sunbury venue and could be lightly treated by the handicapper, just 2lb higher than that latest triumph.

2.50

CAREY GROUP BUCKHOUNDS STAKES (LISTED)

(CLASS 1) £45,000 added 1m 4f

1 1111-7 BAYDAR (BF) H Palmer 4 9 0 Josephine Gordon 7

2 1256-0 CARNTOP R Beckett 4 9 0 F M Berry 1

3 1113-2 DESERT ENCOUNTER (D) D M Simcock 5 9 0

4 5-2573 FIRE FIGHTING (D) M Johnston 6 9 0

5 1292-1 KNIGHTS TABLE (D) J Tate 4 9 0 D Allan 3

6 3147-5 MUNTAAZH Owen Burrows 4 9 0 J Crowley 6

7 436-98 RESTORER W Muir 5 9 0 M Dwyer 10

8 30274 STAR STORM (CD/BF) J Fanshawe 5 9 0 T Queally 2

9 215-1 UAE PRINCE (D) R Varian 4 9 0

10 141-21 WILD HACKED (D) M Botti 4 9 0 D Muscatt 9

- 10 declared -

BETTING: 3-1 Use Prince, 9-2 Wild Hacked, 5-1 Muntazah, 7-1 Baydar, Desert Encounter, 5-1 Knights Table, 12-1 Star Storm, Fire Fighting, 14-1 others.

FORM VERDICT

Baydar was hugely progressive through the handicap ranks which culminated in Hugo Palmer's charge landing a big prize at Newbury last September. The step up to 1m4f could potentially bring about further improvement but preference goes to the race-fit **MUNTAAZH**, who promised plenty last season for Owen Burrows but failed to deliver on a solid return in the Dante behind Wings Of Desire. The son of Dubai warmed up for this when not disgraced in fifth behind **Ulysses** in the Gordon Richards Stakes at Sandown and the step back up in distance could bring about further improvement. **Use Prince** has always held a lofty reputation and now has the chance to fulfil that up in class after winning on his comeback at Ripon, while **Desert Encounter** and **Carntop** are two also worthy of consideration.

3-25

CLUB GOLDFINCH EBF 'BREEDERS' SERIES'

FILLIES' HC/AP (STR) (CLASS 2) £45,000 added 1m

1 8-9085 EPSOM ICON M Channon 4 9 10 J Crowley 4

2 2025-7 SAGELY E Dunlop 4 9 8 A Freus 6

3 1724-1 SINGYOURSONG (CD) D M Simcock 4 9 3 A Atzeni 1

4 1590- PERMISSION (D) J Fanshawe 4 9 11 D Muscatt 10

5 9132-2 ARISTOCRATIC Sir M Stoute 4 8 9 A Atzeni 1

6 434-17 EJAITEEKAY (D) H Morrison 4 8 2

7 4332-1 TEGARA (D) D M Simcock 4 8 2

8 4212-2 RAVEN'S LADY M Botti 3 8 0

9 7-1118 TISBUDREAM (D) D Elsworth 3 8 0

- 9 declared -

BETTING: 11-4 Aristocratic, 11-2 Tegara, 6-1 Singyourson, 7-1 Permission, 8-1 Raven's Lady, Tisbudream, Epsom Icon, 10-1 Sagely, 12-1 Ejaiteekay.

FORM VERDICT

A wide-open event with no standout form candidate but the marginal preference is for **EPSOM ICON**, who was successful in a Group 3 at Epsom less than a year ago. Her recent form figures do not inspire much confidence but she has been out of her depth on plenty of occasions, including when not disgraced in a Group 1 in Meydan two starts ago. It can easily be argued that this is the weakest race she has contested since her maiden win in July 2015 and a mark of 97 is workable. **Aristocratic** is an obvious danger but she has already had plenty of excuses, given that she has placed seven times in her career but won just once. Others who make the shortlist are **Sagely** and **Tisbudream**.

4.00

TOTESCOOP VICTORIA CUP (HERITAGE

HANDICAP) (CLASS 2) £105,000 added 7f

1 03100- GM HOPKINS (C) J Gosden 6 9 10 T Queally 10

2 12502- REMARKABLE (D) J Gosden 4 9 7 K Shoemark (3) 13

3 01950- OUTBACK TRAVELLER (CD) R Cowell 6 9 7

4 02443- SQUATS (C) W Haggas 5 9 6 Georgia Cox (5) 6

5 05-232 HORSE DE COMBAT (D) D Coakley 6 9 5 J Crowley 22

6 7600-5 BOSSY GUEST M Channon 5 9 5 W Buick 24

7 771-89 RIDE LIKE THE WIND (D) K Ryan 5 9 4 Doubtful H 4

8 3501-4 ABOVE THE REST (D) T D Barron 6 9 3 F M Berry 15

9 894-37 DONNCHA (D) J Eddery 6 9 2 A Atzeni 9

10 5-6952 KADRIZZI (C) D Ivory 4 9 0 R Winston 3

11 50-480 ZHUI FENG Mrs A Perrett 4 9 0 M Dwyer 11

12 000708 STEEL TRAIN (D) D O'Meara 6 8 13

13 000-07 HEAVEN'S GUEST (CD) R Fahey 7 8 12

14 0028-9 WITHERNSEA (D) R Fahey 6 8 12

15 551-14 GEORGE WILLIAM (D) R Hannan 4 8 11 S Levey 23

16 4528-4 MIRACLE OF MEDINAH (D) M Usher 6 8 10

17 142377 HOLIDAY MAGIC (D) M W Easterby 6 8 10

18 2910-8 STAMP HILL (D) R Fahey 4 8 9

19 3-4444 CHESTNUT FIRE (D) D Loughnane 5 8 8 W Carson 8

20 691-30 CHARLES MOLSON (D) P Channing 6 8 5

21 612-76 BERTIEWHITTLE (D) T D Barron 9 8 7 R Scott (5) 15

22 9355-1 TAUREAN STAR (CD/M) M Bell 4 8 7 J P Spencer 7

23 1214-3 FASTNET TEMPEST W Haggas 4 8 5

24 2940-0 SHADY MCCOY (D) J Williams 7 8 5 J Quinn 26

25 32453 THE WARRIOR Mrs A Perrett 5 8 4 G Wood (5) 25

26 015973 PROFESSOR (CD) M Attwater 7 8 2 Danny Brock 21

27 4018-5 NOBLE PEACE (D) H Candy 4 8 0 R Oliver (5) 12

- 27 declared -

BETTING: 11-2 Fastnet Tempest, 10-1 Remarkable, 11-1 George William, Above The Rest, Kadrizzi, Taurean Star, 14-1 Squats, The Warrior, Donncha, 16-1 others.

FORM VERDICT

Recent winners of this prize in the last few years have gone off at 25/1, 10/1, 12/1 and 25/1 and this is a typically competitive renewal with no standout candidate or big ante-post gamble to focus on. Some of the more exposed contenders, such as **Heavens Guest**, **Outback Traveller** and **Donncha** should run their usual solid races but they might have other targets for later in the summer or might just find a few improvers too hot to handle. **Taurean Star** won impressively at Yarmouth last time out and the booking of Jamie Spencer once more should see him go well, while **The Warrior** continues to improve at a rate of knots and is drawn close to where the last three winners have come from. **Fastnet Tempest** is improving and was third in the Spring Cup last month but it might be worth taking a chance on **REMARKABLE**, who ended last season with a fine second to **Vulcan** in the Balmoral here in October. The return to **York** will inconvenience him whatsoever and he should have plenty more to offer this year with John Gosden's horses flying at present.

4.35

TOTEPOLLIVEINFO.COM NOVICE STAKES (PLUS

10) (CLASS 3) 2VO £12,000 added 5f

1 1 CARDSHARP (D) M Johnston 9 8 F M Berry 3

2 1 AQABAH C Appleby 9 2 W Buick 1

3 1 CAROUSE A Balding 9 2 L Keniry 5

4 2 HADDAF J Tate 9 2 Martin Harley 2

5 3 JELLMOOD M Botti 9 2 A Atzeni 4

6 2 ZABALETASWANSONG R Hannan 9 2 S Levey 6

- 6 declared -

BETTING: 2-1 Cardsharp, 7-2 Haddaf, 4-1 Jellmoor, 5-1 Aqabah, 6-1 Zabaletaswansong, 15-1 Carouse.

5.10

WINNING POST BOOKMAKERS BRISTOL

HANDICAP (CLASS 4) £10,000 added 6f

1 8113-1 KING OF SPAIN (D) J Hughes 4 9 9 F M Berry 10

2 1013-4 MOONDYNE JOE Mark Pattinson 4 9 7 D Muscatt 4

3 6-8973 VERY HONEST (D) B Johnson 4 9 7 S Levey 15

4 10968- WAR WHISPER (BF) R Hannan 4 9 7

5 010-80 ENGLISHMAN (D) J Bradley 7 9 7 H Croxall (6) 8

6 905-86 RIO RONALDO (D/BF) Mike Murphy 5 9 7 A Atzeni 17

7 185-22 ROBERO M W Easterby 5 9 7 W Buick 22

8 150-65 RED TYCOON (D) K C-Brown 5 9 7 K Shoemark (3) 21

9 21-830 DARK ALLIANCE (D) A Keatley (IRE) 6 9 6

10 312412 VROOM (D) M G Kelleway 4 9 6

11 1-0621 NEZAR (D) D Ivory 6 9 5

12 30-020 BAHAMIAN DOLLAR (D) P Evans 4 9 5

13 2321-5 PETTCHSIDE (D) J Bridger 8 9 4

14 751073 AMONG ANGELS (D) D Loughnane 5 9 4 C Bennett (5) 9

15 113166 BORN TO FINISH (D) J Gask 4 9 4 Martin Harley 20

16 4237-6 SUNKU J Bradley 4 9 4 G Wood (5) 24

17 43174- STORM MELODY (D) Jonjo O'Neill 4 9 2 J Crowley 2

18 00-697 EQUALLY FAST P Platt 5 9 2 L Keniry 11

19 0108-4 NIGHTINGALE VALLEY (D) W Kittow 4 9 2 T Queally 11

20 42782 FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN (D) L Carter 5 9 1 Jenny Powell (5) 19

21 06371 PICKET LINE (D) G Deacon 5 9 1 C Noble (7) 3

22 5530-8 POUR LA VICTOIRE (D) A Carroll 7 8 13 G Downing 18

23 114583 HAMISH MCCONAGHAN (D) J Gask 4 8 12 A Beschizza 6

24 6762-0 SALVATORE FURY (D) K Dalglish 7 8 12 J P Spencer 23

25 2-6518 GUNG HO JACK (D) J Best 8 8 7 K Fox 13

- 25 declared -

BETTING: 13-2 Rio Ronaldo, 7-1 Robero, 8-1 King Of Spain, 10-1 Nezar, 12-1 Picket Line, War Whisper, Storm Melody, 14-1 Nightingale Valley, 16-1 others.



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Talking Points

10 things to watch out for this weekend

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1

Bolt eulogies have started already – three months before he retires

The athletics World Championships are three months away but the eulogies to Usain Bolt have begun. Before the second Diamond League meeting of the season, in Shanghai tomorrow, Hurdler Omar McLeod and sprinter Elaine Thompson (right) were asked about their world record-breaking compatriot. "It is saddening, but as young Jamaican athletes, we have to shine our light and keep the flag flying," McLeod said. Thompson added she and others can "follow in his footsteps and raise the flag higher". Brace yourselves for three more months of this.



2

Carter remains unfazed by City's stellar squad before FA Cup final
Manchester City hope they can complete their treble today and add the FA Cup to their Super League and Continental Cup trophies in the final against Birmingham at Wembley. The odds are in their favour as they have a squad laden with stars, including Carli Lloyd (below). But Birmingham's Jess Carter isn't fazed. "We don't fear anyone, especially not City," she insisted.



5

Cardiff Met just 90 minutes from bright lights of Europa League
Cardiff Metropolitan University's footballers are just 90 minutes away from crowning the most remarkable rise in Welsh football at Bangor today. Because if they win, they will become the first British student side to play in the Europa League. And this team really are full of students. They have to pay £150 each to cover costs of kit and expenses.

8

Four-way fight for play-off places before final round of IPL fixtures
It is the final weekend of the regular season of the Indian Premier League and whatever you think of the flashy competition, there is no denying there is a decent climax to the season. Four teams are in contention for the final three play-off places, with Mumbai Indians, featuring England's Jos Butler (right) the only team guaranteed a place in the top four.



3

Record numbers at Wembley a sign of growth in women's game
The Women's FA Cup final used to be very much an afterthought in the football season; I remember covering one of Fulham's triumphs at a half-empty Selhurst Park. But the move to Wembley – coupled with the realisation that there has long been an untapped market – has given the final a shot in the arm. Today the stadium is set to be populated by over 35,000 fans – a competition record.

6

Saracens' holistic approach may be cultish, but it works
The word "cult" has been used about Saracens' all-for-one mentality, but it is difficult to deny that it is not effective. Players use extremely non-rugby terminology when speaking about how the club looks after them, with words like "holistic". Still, if it brings them a second consecutive Champions Cup, why not?

9

Holbrook has his work cut out as he takes the reins at St Helens
A penny for Justin Holbrook's thoughts as he travels across the world from Australia to take up his position as St Helens coach. Saints have got Castleford, the Super League leaders in the sixth round of the Challenge Cup – the live match on BBC today – swiftly followed by a grudge match against Wigan. It is no wonder he has kept a low profile since his appointment.

4

Jokanovic aims for second crack at managing in Premier League
While there will be a fair share of nails being bitten to the quick at Crystal Palace v Hull tomorrow and Sunderland v Swansea today, that may pale in comparison to the scenes at Craven Cottage, where Fulham play Reading in the first leg of the play-off semi-final. Fulham manager Slavisa Jokanovic (above) missed out on leading Watford in the Premier League; few would begrudge him a second chance.



7

Adams granted a minute longer per round to settle in to fight
Nicola Adams fights in her home town for the first time as a professional tonight against the 18-year-old Mexican Maryam Salazar. One feature of the bout is that it will be fought over three-minute rounds, a minute longer than her last fight. The reason? So Adams can "settle in" to the fight.



10

Doping cloud lingers over first race of Skyrunning season
The Skyrunning ultramarathon season starts in the Canary Island of La Palma but it fair to say a cloud lingers over the sport. This week the governing body of the series announced that the 2016 world champion, Christel Dewalle, had failed a doping test, for heptaminol, a drug popular with cyclists many moons ago. It highlights that the sport may have a problem – and her four-month ban is not long enough.

TENNIS

Murray, Djokovic and Nadal all back plan for World Cup

By Eleanor Crooks

Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal have all offered support to plans for a tennis World Cup backed by the Barcelona footballer Gerard Pique.

Pique, who is a big tennis fan, met with ATP officials in Madrid this week to discuss the idea, and he already has some powerful allies.

The proposed tournament will be of concern to the International Tennis Federation as, if it comes off, it could prove a real threat to the struggling Davis Cup.

The leading players have increasingly shown a lack of commitment to the historic competition and have been frustrated by a perceived reluctance on the ITF's part to make changes to the format.

Pique's idea is to have an event played at one venue over 10 days, which would impact less on the busy schedules of the leading players than the Davis Cup, which is held over four weekends throughout the year.

World No 1 Murray told reporters: "I've tried to speak to him a couple of times. We've exchanged messages but we haven't actually spoken in person or on the phone about it."

"Doing new things in tennis is never easy, there's always a lot of obstacles. But I think that it's a really exciting idea. If it comes off I think it would be a very, very good thing. Tennis needs an event like that."

Nadal, while refusing to criticise



Rafael Nadal beat David Goffin to reach the Madrid Open semi-final

the Davis Cup saying that he had enjoyed "really great moments" in the competition, agreed that the sport "needed to try new things".

Djokovic added that he had spoken to Pique and hoped that the new tournament will "come to life".

Nadal, meanwhile, booked a semi-final clash with Djokovic at the Madrid Open yesterday after a comfortable 7-6, 6-2 win over David Goffin – and move closer to a third-straight title after wins in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

But if he is to progress Nadal must get the better of Djokovic, who eased into the semi-finals after scheduled opponent Kei Nishikori withdrew with a wrist injury.

Djokovic has won the last seven meetings between the pair with Nadal's last victory coming in the 2014 French Open final.

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WORD WHEEL

NINE-LETTER WORD: deference

OTHER WORD: creed, decree, deer, defer, feeder, fencer, fender, fern, free, freed, nerd, recede, red, reef, reed, reefed, rend

5-CLUE CROSSWORD

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

Saracens seek to crush all Clermont's final dreams

Champions may not be neutrals' choice but their talent is undeniable

By Hugh Godwin

RUGBY UNION CORRESPONDENT

Saracens stand at opposite ends of a metaphorical rugby field of dreams to Clermont Auvergne, their French opponents for today's European Champions Cup final.

The club from north London, bankrolled by South Africans, made an ecstatic plunge over their psychological goal-line when they won this trophy last year by beating – no, utterly suffocating – Racing 92 in Lyon, after a series of near-misses in semi-finals and finals.

Clermont, by contrast, have been stuck in their own 22, playing in two finals and losing them both, to Toulon in Dublin in 2013 and at Twickenham in 2015. Added to a notorious record of finishing second-best in 11 French championship finals, the men from the Massif Central are unparalleled in their yearning to land the big prize.

For this reason and a few others – including the widespread suspicion never properly answered that Saracens breached the English domestic salary cap while building their brilliant squad of all their talents – it will be no surprise if Clermont's "yellow army" of colourful fans are augmented by many a neutral supporter at Murrayfield, which is staging its third European Cup final.

Duncan Taylor begs to differ, as the Scotland centre will have his parents Colin and Lindsay and umpire Scottish aunts and uncles and cousins in the Edinburgh crowd. Either way, Taylor's presence on Saracens' bench alongside the super Springboks, Schalk Brits and Schalk Burger, epitomises a remarkable strength in depth.

In what is bound to be an exceptionally physical encounter – it is often overlooked how Saracens are the masters of inflicting legitimate pain; just ask Munster's Pete O'Mahony, Scotland's Stuart Hogg and Edoardo Gori of Italy, all of whom came off worse from trying to halt Maro Itoje and friends in big matches in recent weeks – we will see whether the team captained by the unrelenting tackler Brad Barritt have lost any edge by regarding this challenge

from the viewpoint of reigning Premiership and European champions. As it stands, Saracens remain on course to replicate the Leicester Tigers' "double double" achieved in 2001 and 2002.

Saracens' head coach Mark McCall proudly reeled off the stats that scream of his team's recent pre-eminence: "Since the semi-final we lost against Clermont in 2015, we haven't lost a play-off game [in the Premiership or Europe]. That's nine in nine in two competitions."

"This is our sixth final out of the last seven in the two competitions – and we've played a different opponent in every final. That tells you we've been pretty consistent. That in itself is an achievement."

Clermont appear to have made a conservative choice in starting the veteran centre Aurelien Rougerie ahead of the precocious Damian Penaud, 16 years his junior. But, do not fear, they have "X-factor" in abundance out wide, in the English exiles, Nick Abendanon and Dave Strettle.

The latter said three weeks ago that "Saracens have got better since I left [in 2015]" but that was in levity directly after Strettle had scored a try in the semi-final win over Leinster in Lyon. It featured two examples of the lost art of the dropped goal, by the fly-half Camille Lopez. But Saracens have a place-kicker in Owen Farrell (above), whose CV bulges with torments of the French.

Up front, few teams on the planet can match the gainline-busting prowess of Saracens' Vunipola brothers. The title-holders have also picked their prime scrummaging eight to kick off with.

Billy Vunipola, the England No 8 whose tussle with Fritz Lee should be a joy, appeared unusually sidetracked, playing to the crowd, in the subjugation of Munster in the semi-final, as well as in a Premiership match against Northampton. "There were times when I did get flustered against Munster, but I'm only human," Vunipola admitted. "This match is about playing in the right areas and not compounding errors. That in turn will give us good territory to strike, and get the scoreboard ticking over."

Clermont Auvergne v Saracens

Your guide to today's Champions Cup final

ROUTE TO THE FINAL 2016-17 CUP RECORD

CLERMONT

Pool 5 winners

P 6 W 5 D 1 L 0 F 211 A 131 B 6 Pts 26

Oct 2016 Exeter (a)	Won 35-8
Oct Bordeaux (h)	Won 49-33
Dec Ulster (a)	Lost 39-32
Dec Ulster (h)	Won 38-19
Jan 2017 Bordeaux (a)	Won 9-6
Jan Exeter (h)	Won 48-26
Q-final Toulon (h)	Won 29-9
S-final Leinster (h)	Won 27-22

SARACENS

Pool 3 winners

P 6 W 5 D 1 L 0 F 181 A 87 B 2 Pts 24

Oct 2016 Toulon (a)	Won 31-23
Oct Scarlets (h)	Won 44-26
Dec Sale (h)	Won 50-3
Dec Sale (a)	Won 24-10
Jan 2017 Scarlets (a)	Drew 22-22
Jan Toulon (h)	Won 10-3
Q-final Glasgow (h)	Won 38-13
S-final Munster (a)	Won 26-10

CLERMONT HAVE WON JUST ONE OF 14 MAJOR FINALS...



(Wo L2 European Cup, W1 L11 Top 14)

...BUT SARACENS HAVE WON FOUR OF THEIR SEVEN FINALS



(W1 L1 European Cup, W3 L2 Premiership)

LEADING CUP SCORERS 2016-17

113 O Farrell (Saracens)
97 T Bleyendaal (Munster)
82 M Parra (Clermont)
80 I Nacewa (Leinster)
79 L Halfpenny (Toulon)

BEST EUROPEAN CUP SHOWING

Clermont –
Finalists 2013, 2015
Saracens –
Winners 2016

3

Clubs have won consecutive titles – Leicester, Leinster and Toulon

7

Both previous finals at Murrayfield were decided by less than seven points

17

European Cup games unbeaten for Saracens – an equal record



FRITZ LEE
Clermont
5 EUROPEAN CUP MATCHES THIS SEASON
60 CARRIES



'It was a smack in the face when Eddie didn't pick me'

Sarries winger Chris Ashton talks to **Hugh Godwin** about England woes, Sarries love and moving to France

Chris Ashton gave up taking French lessons a few weeks ago as he was "absolutely useless" at it. The new language can wait for when he moves to Toulon this summer. Try-scoring, though, is another matter.

In a career that was always colourful, yet took on a savagely shadowy hue with two controversial bans last year, Ashton has always

excelled at nosing his way over the goal-line, arguably the best Europe has known in the past decade.

"I've always thought it's my job, what I've loved to do," says Ashton, for whom fatherhood and a 30th birthday in recent months, as much as his imminent departure from Saracens after five successful years, have been good cause for taking stock.

One try in the final of the

European Champions Cup in Edinburgh today would take Ashton, with his workaholic tracking of the ball a legacy of his early days in rugby league, clear of Vincent Clerc as the competition's all-time record scorer (Ashton has 36 in 54 European Cup appearances for Northampton and Saracens; it took Clerc 82 matches to reach the same tally for Toulouse).

Next week, Saracens go to Exeter in the Premiership semi-final; the final is at Twickenham on 27 May.

Only when all that is done will Ashton give full concentration to the next phase of his life, moving his wife Melissa and their baby daughter Ava Grace over to the Cote d'Azur.

Of course, in other circumstances he might have been contemplating a tour with the British & Irish Lions to New Zealand or with England to Argentina. But international rugby ended for Ashton in a turbulent 2016.

In September, he was slapped with a 13-week ban for biting the arm of the Northampton prop Alex Waller.

The stupidity of the offence dissipated much of the sympathy Ashton garnered when many felt he was harshly treated by a penalty of 10 weeks for scraping his hand across the face of Ulster's Luke Marshall in January.

The latter incident came three days after he had been picked in

**MOST EUROPEAN CUPS**

4 Toulouse
3 Leinster, Toulon
2 Leicester, Munster, Wasps
1 Bath, Brive, Northampton, Saracens, Ulster

MOST EURO CUP FINAL DEFEATS

3 Leicester
2 Biarritz, Clermont, Munster, Stade Français, Toulouse

BILLY VUNIPOLA

Saracens
4 EUROPEAN CUP MATCHES THIS SEASON
59 CARRIES

LEADING CUP TRY SCORERS 2016-17

I Nacewa Leinster 7

C Ashton Saracens
N Nadolo Montpellier
N Abendanon Clermont 5

W Fofana Clermont
N Nakaitaci Clermont
C Wyles Saracens (six more players on four) 4

HEAD TO HEAD

CLERMONT	DRAWN	SARACENS
WINS 5	0	WINS 2

RESEARCH: JAMES MARINER. GRAPHIC: ROY COOPER

TODAY'S TEAMS

Kick-off Today, 5pm
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Referee N Owens (WRU)
Venue Murrayfield

**REPLACEMENTS**

CLERMONT
16 J Ullugia 17 E Falgoux 18 A Jarvis
19 P Jedrasiak 20 A Lapandry
21 L Radosavljevic 22 P Fernandez
23 D Pinaud
SARACENS
16 S Brits 17 T Lamositele 18 P Du Plessis
19 J Hamilton 20 S Burger 21 B Spencer
22 A Lozowski 23 D Taylor

CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Doumayrou strikes to deny Gloucester third European title

GLOUCESTER

Try: May, Moriarty; cons: Burns (2); pen: Burns

17

STADE FRANÇAIS

Try: Parisse, Danty, Doumayrou; cons: Plisson, Steyn; pen: Plisson

25

By Hugh Godwin

AT MURRAYFIELD

Stade Français' long wait for a European trophy ended in this Challenge Cup triumph over Gloucester as the Paris club, who had lost four finals in the two main continental competitions stretching back to 2001, pulled away in the second half of a fractious contest in Edinburgh.

Gloucester had won both their previous Challenge Cup finals but tries by Stade captain Sergio Parisse and centres Jonathan Danty and Geoffrey Doumayrou meant they failed to land the additional prize of taking England's place in this month's play-off for a Champions Cup spot next season, which goes now to Northampton.

Some of Parisse's touches were as wondrously classy as ever, but he was also over-elaborate with a behind-the-back pass in the move that led to the opening try for Gloucester. The French international backs Jules Plisson and Danty continued the handling, but Jonny May anticipated Danty's wide pass to Jono Ross, and the England flyer picked it off and raced home from 70 metres.

Billy Burns's conversion and subsequent penalty had Gloucester 10-0 up but Stade pulled level with a penalty from Plisson and a clever try for Parisse, as the Italy No 8 scooped up a palm-down by big lock Hugh Pyle after Will Genia chipped a ball towards the posts knowing Stade were playing with an advantage.

Both Gloucester and Stade Français found themselves at each other's throats – first when Gloucester's scrum-half and captain Willi Heinz went to the sin bin

for a late tackle, pushing Plisson in the face. Then in a prolonged bout of push-and-shove on the touchline, in which Gloucester's hooker Richard Hibbard took a knee to the head and their Lions-squad back-rower Ross Moriarty was lucky to escape sanction for appearing to slap an opponent.

Plisson missed a long-range penalty shot early in the second half, but Gloucester were having to defend frantically to nullify the attacking platform gained by Stade through their dominance of the scrum, Gloucester having lost All Blacks prop John Afoa to a calf injury before the interval.

Stade had already secured the French place in the Champions Cup play-off, by finishing seventh in the French league.

Their hopes here rose significantly when Tom Marshall missed a try for Gloucester by centimetres on 55 minutes, the full-back just failing to reach a box-kick before the dead-ball line. Two minutes later, Stade scored at the other end through Danty, to take the lead for the first time at 15-10, after Djibril Camara stuck out a hand to nick a pass from Burns, and full-back Hugo Bonneval – who'd impeded Marshall with a brush of the shoulder in the previous incident, without being penalised – made a beautiful offload.

Another marginal call went against Gloucester when May tackled Waisea Vuidravuwala a fraction off the floor, but Stade's Springbok substitute Morne Steyn missed the tricky kick at goal.

It proved to be only temporary respite as Doumayrou sidestepped past the clutches of Gloucester's Mark Atkinson and hurtled through the Cherry-and-White cover for a try converted by Steyn with nine minutes remaining. Steyn added a penalty for 25-10 and Moriarty's try in response came too late to allow for a comeback.

1
Stade Français won their first European final last night at their fifth attempt

99

Number of European competition victories for Saracens

99

European Cup matches played by Clermont

0

first-half tries conceded by Saracens this season. Clermont have scored 16



Chris Ashton goes over for Saracens against Glasgow last month GETTY

Eddie Jones's first England squad. When Jones announced his next big squad, for the epoch-making tour to Australia in the summer, Ashton was out. The king of the swallow dive had taken a fall.

"It's sad, I always had a vision of the way my career would go," Ashton tells now, and you can bet it included adding to his 19 tries in 39 Tests for England up to his last appearance in 2014. "It was a big

Toulon made an offer and I found making my own decision, taking it out of England's hands, sat well with me

smack in the face when Eddie Jones didn't put me in the squad for Australia. Then an offer from Toulon came in, while I had my second ban, and I found that making my own decision on my future, and taking that out of England's hands, sat well with me. "I'd like to think I've put England out of my mind, when before, I was always looking to please somebody. There has been a lot of learning done."

Ashton is not completely sanguine

about his rejection. "Sometimes it can punish you, being in a team that's winning," he says. "People say it's just natural you're scoring tries, unlike when you're in a team in mid-table and you're standing out."

He mentions no names but England's latest rugby league recruit Denny Solomona has been picked from a middling Sale Sharks team.

As for Ashton's club, he praises Saracens for being "very supportive, amazing with me" which was by no means a given since his bite removed him from a big chunk of this season. With an immediate burst of scoring straight after his latest comeback, Ashton repaid the faith and he has been ever-present in the big games, leading to today's head-to-head with Clermont Auvergne's Saracens old boy, David Strettle.

"I chatted to Dave at Danny Care's wedding last summer," Ashton says. "He's settled really well at Clermont, but he told me France is a big change from Wigan and Warrington, where we're from. The sense of humour he's used to can be dry – he's a northern lad – and you have to adapt." And Ashton chuckles, because he hasn't lost his innate mischief. "I mean, it was a big enough adjustment for me when I moved from Wigan to Northampton to Saracens. I'm not sure whipping someone's pants away will go down well in Toulon."



Geoffrey Doumayrou takes to the air for Stade's third try AFP/GETTY IMAGES

WOMEN'S FA CUP FINAL

City aim to complete clean sweep at Wembley

By Glenn Moore

It is just less than five years since Manchester City Ladies were taken under the wing of the men's club, rebranded as Manchester City Women, and converted from an amateur club playing on the parks to a professional one with their own stadium in the Etihad complex.

Subsequent progress has been swift. Today, at Wembley Stadium, they can complete a clean sweep of domestic trophies by adding the FA Cup to the Women's Super League and Continental Tyres [League] Cup won last autumn.

City, who also reached the semi-finals of the Uefa Champions League before losing to holders Lyon last month, have a team of internationals including reigning back-to-back world player of the year Carli Lloyd and the bulk of the England team.

This includes goalkeeper Karen Bardsley, captain centre-half Steph

Houghton, PFA player of the year Lucy Bronze, and striker Toni Duggan – who warmed up with a hat-trick at Bristol City in midweek.

They thus start overwhelming favourites against a Birmingham City team that have a fraction of their opponents' budget and in recent years have become a provider, rather than purchaser of talent.

During the winter they also lost influential coach Marcus Bignot to Grimsby Town, then long-serving manager David Parker quit citing fears over future investment.

However, Marc Skinner has impressed since stepping up from the coaching staff to manage, while the signing of England striker Ellen White indicated the club remains ambitious.

Birmingham were fourth in the WSL last season and to reach Wembley they beat the other members of the current "big three", holders Arsenal and 2015 winners Chelsea.

Key clashes Where the final will be won today

Ellen White (Birmingham) v Steph Houghton (Manchester City)

Team-mates when Arsenal won in 2011 and 2013, both scoring in the latter final, and team-mates still for England. But they will be in direct opposition today with Lionesses captain Houghton (right) seeking to prevent White underlining her claim to be England's centre-forward at this summer's European Championship.

Andrine Hegerberg (Birmingham) v Carli Lloyd (Manchester City)

The final may be decided by which overseas star shines brightest.

Norwegian midfielder

Hegerberg, elder sister of Lyon striker and Uefa player of the year Ada, has precise dead-ball delivery, good passing range and works hard. The garlanded, highly competitive American Lloyd is a deft finisher and big-game veteran.

Glenn Moore



Equally pertinently, they drew 1-1 in Manchester only a fortnight ago in the Spring Series (the league competition filling the gap as the WSL switches from summer to winter).

They have continued to develop young players, Jess Carter and Aoife Mannion being the latest tyros from

a production line that has delivered England caps Karen Carney, Eniola Aluko and Laura Bassett in the past.

"We don't fear them at all," said Carter. "Obviously they are a good team, they have a lot of great players. You show them a certain sort of respect, but you don't want to show

them too much respect because they are just another player. It doesn't matter who they are."

A record crowd, likely to be swelled by match-day sales beyond 40,000, will watch the game, allaying fears that the late-afternoon kick-off time, and the absence of a London-based finalist, would affect attendance.

Such a gate, five times that which saw Birmingham win the FA Cup at Ashton Gate in 2012, is a boost for a sport still reeling from the shock closure of Notts County, beaten finalists just two years ago.

Houghton, who played in three finals before they were staged at Wembley, said: "This is the one we've been trying to get into for the past three years. To be part of an FA Cup final is amazing for any player, but to be at Wembley makes it special."

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I know first-hand how the pressure of the FA Cup final can get to you

Lucy Ward



We will witness the highest-ever attendance for a women's FA Cup final today – with the 34,500 tickets for the Birmingham City v Manchester City game sold by the start of this month making it destined to surpass last year's 33,000, when Arsenal beat Chelsea.

When I played in the Leeds side who lost 5-0 to Arsenal in the 2006 final, the crowd was around 15,000 – still good, even a decade or so back – though the women's game has moved on in the past decade.

It's more competitive now, with players from all clubs training more. We knew we were probably going to lose to Arsenal and it wasn't a great match-up, but you are not likely to get a 5-0 scoreline these days. Even though Birmingham are the underdogs, they'll give City a very good game and could win it.

The elephant in the room as we discuss the set-piece occasion is an established WSL1 club, Notts County, being disbanded out of the blue last month on the eve of the season, leaving full-time staff and players searching for new jobs.

Lots of questions to answer, not least from Alan Hardy, owner of Notts County, who made the decision. It raises the issue of how clubs who are not in the Premier League can sustain a women's team.

Birmingham may be surprise participants in the final, but not for those who know how they've quietly built a squad of young, hungry internationals with a sprinkling of older experienced heads.

Manchester City have more of the



Manchester City's Abbie McManus attempts to hold off Birmingham's Abbey-Leigh Stringer (left) and Ellie Brazil (right) during the sides' 1-1 draw in the Spring Series earlier this month PA

household names and are the reigning WSL champions. Steph Houghton and Lucy Bronze have established themselves as leading defenders in world football. And there's Carli Lloyd whose presence at City you might say is a women's game equivalent to Lionel Messi moving here.

I expect it to be tight, with the winners perhaps the team who react best to the pressure of Wembley, the big crowd and the occasion. My own experience in 2006 brought me devastation very early on. I put the ball into my own net from a miscued header from a corner. If a gate had been open I would have been tempted to run out of the stadium. Even a year later I struggled to talk about it.

Manchester City have players who eat pressure for breakfast so you'd expect them to come out on top. But this is the FA Cup final. I can vouch for the fact that things don't always go to plan. THE INDEPENDENT

My own cup final experience brought me devastation very early on. I put the ball into my own net from a miscued header from a corner

Lucy Ward is a former Leeds and England U-21 player and now a BBC co-commentator and match analyst

MANCHESTER CITY

Touré to get cake, but must wait for contract

By Eleanor Crooks

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has promised Yaya Touré the “biggest possible” birthday cake today – but will not announce whether the Ivorian midfielder has a new contract until the season is over.

Guardiola says he has made up his mind on the future of City's seven out-of-contract players, including Touré, but will not reveal those decisions to the players – or the public – until after the final fixture

Touré, along with Pablo Zabaleta, Jesus Navas, Gaël Clichy, Bacary Sagna, Willy Caballero and Tosin Adarabioyo, are coming to the end

of their deals but Guardiola is keeping his thoughts to himself with three games of the season left as City push for Champions League qualification.

“It doesn't depend if you're going to play the last three matches if you are going to stay or not. The decision is already done. But we are going to communicate it after the season,” Guardiola said.

“Of course the club is going to do it properly like always. Still we are fighting and playing for something so, so important for the club for the future. Now is still the time to be focused on what we have to do.”

The majority of the seven are expected to leave the Etihad Stadium,



Yaya Touré will be out of contract in June

including veteran midfielder Touré after seven years at the club.

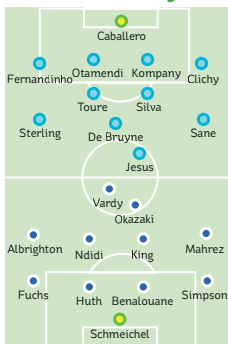
He turns 34 on today, when City face Leicester, and Touré's agent Dmitry Seluk has asked fans to mark the occasion by bringing cakes to the game. Seluk famously questioned Touré's future at the club three years ago after claiming City had not sufficiently marked the occasion, although he now insists it was a joke that was misunderstood.

Touré need have no worries today about whether the club will provide him with a cake, though.

“He'll have the biggest one possible,” said Guardiola. “We are going to do that. But after the game.”

City will have striker Sergio Agüero and defender John Stones available after both returned to training following injuries. If City win their three remaining games they are guaranteed to finish third, but Liverpool, Arsenal and Manchester United all remain in the race for the top four.

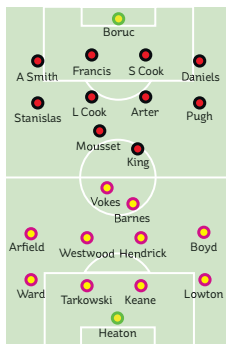
Manchester City



Leicester City

Odds: Home 1-4 Draw 6-1 Away 11-1
Kick-off: Today, 12.30pm (Sky Sports 1; highlights BBC 2, 10.10pm)
Team news: Manchester City could include Sergio Agüero (groin) and John Stones (leg), although Claudio Bravo (calf) and Ilkay Gundogan (knee) are out for the season. Leicester have lost Danny Drinkwater (thigh) for the remainder of the campaign, along with Wes Morgan (hamstring). Robert Huth (foot) is a concern

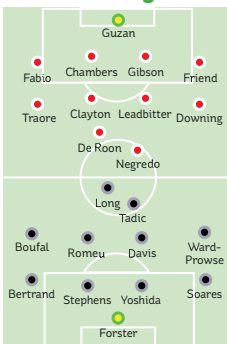
Bournemouth



Burnley

Odds: Home 10-11 Draw 13-5 Away 3-1
Kick-off: Today, 3pm (Highlights BBC 2, 10.10pm)
Team news: Dan Gosling (calf) is likely to return to contention for Bournemouth while Ryan Fraser (Achilles) will be assessed ahead of kick-off. Benik Afobe (hamstring) misses out for the Cherries. Burnley could welcome back Michael Keane and George Boyd (knee) although Ben Mee (shin) is not expected to recover in time for the trip south.

Middlesbrough



Southampton

Odds: Home 3-1 Draw 13-5 Away Evens
Kick-off: Today, 3pm (Highlights BBC 2, 10.10pm)
Team news: Middlesbrough have no new worries, with Victor Valdes (injury), Daniel Ayala (ankle) and Gaston Ramirez (groin) doubts. Grant Leadbitter (hamstring) should keep his place and Adlene Guedioura (groin) needs a comeback. Southampton have no fresh concerns, with coach Claude Puel likely to make changes. Charlie Austin and Matt Targett hope for recalls.

Sunderland



Swansea City

Odds: Home 16-5 Draw 16-5 Away 10-11
Kick-off: Today, 3pm (Highlights BBC 2, 10.10pm)
Team news: George Honeyman (back) sits it out for Sunderland, but Let Letermole (Achilles), Darron Gibson (groin) and Bryan Oviedo (hamstring) all near returns for the Black Cats. Swansea could name an unchanged side from the win over Everton seven days ago, with Wayne Routledge (hernia) hoping to return to the squad. Angel Rangel (foot) is back in training.

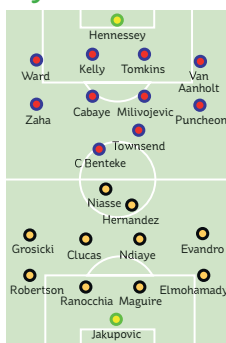
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Arsenal

Odds: Home 7-2 Draw 3-1 Away 8-11
Kick-off: Today, 5.30pm (Sky Sports 1; highlights BBC 2, 10.10pm)
Team news: Stoke report no new concerns, with only Ibrahim Afellay (knee) and Stephen Ireland (leg) missing. Saido Berahino (illness) seeks a recall. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (hamstring) is absent for Arsenal, although defender Laurent Koscielny (calf) may return, but Santi Cazorla (Achilles) remains at home.

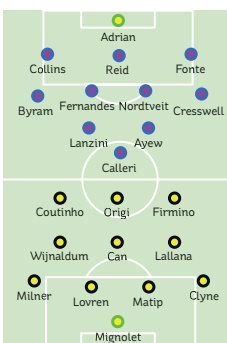
Crystal Palace



Hull City

Odds: Home Evens Draw 5-2 Away 13-5
Kick-off: Tomorrow, noon (Sky Sports 1; highlights BBC 1, 10.30pm)
Team news: Crystal Palace will make late decisions on James Tomkins and Yohan Cabaye, as well as Scott Dann (knee). Joel Ward (nose) and Andros Townsend (Achilles) are struggling. Lazar Markovic (ankle) is out for the season for Hull but Omar Elabdellou (back) is back and Tom Huddlestone seeks a recall in midfield.

West Ham United



Liverpool

Odds: Home 4-1 Draw 3-1 Away 8-13
Kick-off: Tomorrow, 2.15pm (Sky Sports 1; highlights BBC 1, 10.30pm)
Team news: West Ham miss Mark Noble (hernia) and Cheikhou Kouyate (wrist) and join the Hammers' long list of walking wounded. Liverpool may start England pair Daniel Sturridge and Adam Lallana, although midfielder Lucas and forward Roberto Firmino are doubtful for Jürgen Klopp's travelling side.

Tottenham Hotspur



Manchester United

Odds: Home 4-5 Draw 11-4 Away 17-4
Kick-off: Tomorrow, 4.30pm (Sky Sports 1; highlights BBC 1, 10.30pm)
Team news: Tottenham have no new worries, with Danny Rose back in training but not ready to return. Marouane Fellaini is suspended for Manchester United, who will make changes after the midweek draw with Celta Vigo. Wayne Rooney, Chris Smalling, Phil Jones, Michael Carrick and David de Gea are all likely to be recalled.

Weekend football fixtures

PREMIER LEAGUE

Everton (o)	1	Watford (o)	0			
Barkley 56		Att 38,550				
West Brom (o)	0	Chelsea (o)	1			
Bathuwayi 82		Att 25,367				
P W D L F A Pts						
Chelsea (C)	36	28	3	5	76	87
Tottenham	35	23	8	4	71	77
Liverpool	35	20	10	6	71	62
Man City	35	20	9	6	70	69
Arsenal	35	20	5	9	68	66
Man Utd	35	17	14	4	61	57
Everton	37	17	10	10	61	41
West Brom	35	12	9	15	41	46
Leicester	35	12	7	16	45	43
Southampton	35	11	9	15	39	45
Bournemouth	35	11	9	16	52	42
West Ham	35	11	9	16	45	59
Stoke	35	10	11	15	39	52
Burnley	35	11	7	18	37	51
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Crystal Palace	35	11	5	20	46	61
Swansea	35	10	5	21	41	59
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Middlesbrough (R)	35	5	13	18	26	28
Sunderland (R)	35	6	23	28	60	24

LADBROKES SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

Aberdeen (1)	1	Celtic (3)	3
Hayes 13		Boyata 3	
		Armstrong 8	
		Griffiths 11	
P W D L F A Pts			

LADBROKES SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

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MANCHESTER UNITED

Mourinho: we have achieved big things in my first season

By Tim Rich

Jose Mourinho insists that if Manchester United fail to win the Europa League, his first season in charge at Old Trafford should not be described as a failure.

But after a semi-final victory against Celta Vigo, that was far tighter than anyone imagined, the United manager confessed that were he a journalist, he would be critical if the club are beaten by Ajax in the final in Stockholm.

"You the media, you have the right to say it," said Mourinho (right) when asked if Manchester United had to win the Europa League to be judged a success. "I think it makes sense to say it. But I don't feel like that. I don't want the players to feel like that. I don't think the board feels like that."

"We have worked very hard. I have probably worked harder than ever this season. When I analyse I don't think that way but, if I were in your chair, then maybe."

"We won a League Cup, we won a Community Shield, then the injuries arrived and we fought for the Premier League top four. We had a fantastic record of 25 unbeaten matches."

"We did things at this club that nobody has done in their first season – like winning a trophy, like having the unbeaten record for Manchester United in the Premier League, like reaching a European final."

"We have these things. But, if I were on your side – and you are always looking for these kinds of

capital letters and big headlines – then I would accept it, if you said it."

Mourinho was right to say that no Manchester United manager had won a trophy in his first season. However, in terms of the basic requirement of a Manchester United manager – to ensure that the world's biggest football brand finishes in the top four of its own league – he has disappointed.

Mourinho's unbeaten run from October to May was more of a jog, clogged by draws against teams who once considered themselves beaten in Old Trafford's tunnel.

The draw with Celta Vigo was United's 11th at home and had Manchester City's one-time forward, John Guidetti, not fluffed his shot at the climax, the little club from northern Spain would have gone through.

As it is, Manchester United will take the same kind of weakened team into their final game at White Hart Lane as they did when facing Arsenal last Sunday.

Eric Bailly, suspended for the Europa League final because of his fisticuffs with Celta's goalscorer, Facundo Roncaglia, will play the final three league games.

After 14 matches, Mourinho was right to argue that Manchester United should be proud of reaching the Europa League final against an Ajax side that will have 10 days to prepare. United will have two.

The Portuguese added: "I just feel sorry that my boys have to go to their national teams after the final. These guys should go to a spa after almost 70 matches." THE INDEPENDENT



We won the League Cup, we won a Community Shield, then the injuries arrived and we fought for the top four



Darmian hopes United can spoil the party at the Lane

By Simon Peach

Matteo Darmian is hoping to spoil Tottenham's farewell party when Manchester United arrive for the final match at White Hart Lane tomorrow.

Fresh from securing their place in the Europa League final, Jose Mourinho's men head to north London for what is sure to be an emotional fixture.

The Premier League encounter

will be the final game in White Hart Lane's 118-year history, with Spurs set to make a temporary switch to Wembley while their new ground is finished.

Darmian expects the surrounding emotions to make a difficult match all the tougher and, while Europa League glory is United's priority, hopes to act as party-pooper.

The Italian said: "We only have a few days to recover but we have

to be ready. We go there and try to win because I think playing this kind of game is always special, always a good feeling."

"Playing against Tottenham is always hard not just because it is the last game at White Hart Lane."

"We are Manchester United and we always want to win every game," he added.

"Also these three games of the Premier League, we go to London to Tottenham this weekend, away against Southampton and then at home on the last game of the season in front of our fans and we want to win every game to be ready for the final."

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Our new stadium can take team to another level, says Levy

By Tom Collomosse

It is difficult to argue that Daniel Levy lacks ambition. Not only is the Tottenham chairman determined to make his club a superpower, he wants to help transform the local area into one of the most attractive in London.

Tomorrow's match against Manchester United will bring down the curtain on 118 years of football at White Hart Lane. After what they hope will be only one season at Wembley, Tottenham return home to occupy their 61,559-seat stadium. That project will cost about £800m.

Levy believes the move to the new ground will allow Tottenham to compete with Europe's elite. Clearly, there are challenges ahead. It will not be easy to recreate the intensity of White Hart Lane immediately.

Yet Levy, chairman since 2001, is confident he can deliver and called on both the public and private sector to support his ideas.

"It is Tottenham's time to shine now," Levy said. "We are the largest employer and economic driver in north Tottenham and we are making an unprecedented private sector investment of nearly £1bn in the area. We need to see all of this

capitalised upon by both the public and private sector."

"Our stadium scheme and the other developments alongside have been acknowledged as the single most important scheme with the ability to kickstart regeneration. We have just delivered our 1,000th job alongside the scheme."

"Our new stadium, with the Premier League and NFL, plus tourist attractions at the new stadium like the Skywalk and the Tottenham Experience, will bring visitors every day of the year and be viewed by millions around the world."



Daniel Levy will be at the centre of Spurs' plans for the future

If Levy can realise his scheme, he will deserve considerable praise. Sporting reality means, however, that any regeneration project risks being overshadowed if results on the pitch decline.

Levy has already said Tottenham will spend sensibly as they manage the transition from one stadium to another and the Spurs hierarchy is confident the move will pay off in the long term.

One reason is the increased revenue Tottenham will generate from home games. According to the Deloitte Football Money League for the 2015-16 season, Spurs were the



Marouane Fellaini scores the crucial goal that put Manchester United into the Europa league final
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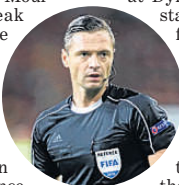
Jose has history with final referee

By Simon Peach

Damir Skomina, an official Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho once labelled "weak and naive", will referee the Europa League final.

Uefa announced yesterday that the Slovenian will officiate the Stockholm clash between United and Ajax on 24 May.

Skomina (right) has been an international referee since 2003 and this season has officiated six matches in the Champions League



– a competition in which the 40-year-old irked Mourinho in October 2015.

Following Chelsea's goalless draw at Dynamo Kiev in the group stage, and during one of his fallouts with the Football Association, Mourinho labelled the referee "weak and naive" after ignoring penalty appeals from Cesc Fabregas.

"It was a clear penalty," the Portuguese added at the time. "I don't know. The referee didn't see it. The referee decided not to give it?"

only one of the top six clubs not to break £50m on matchdays.

Manchester United led the way with £102.8m, followed by Arsenal with £99.9m, Chelsea with £69.7m, Liverpool with £56.8m and Manchester City with £52.5m. Spurs took £40.8m.

Levy said: "We have been competing against teams with match-day revenues that far outstrip ours and a restricted capacity that has meant our growing fanbase has not been able to get to games. The new stadium will take us to another level globally."

Spurs hope support will arrive from the US. Two years ago, the club

announced a 10-year deal to host at least two NFL games per year in the new stadium.

That requires a retractable pitch at the new ground, plus dressing room and medical facilities to meet the needs of an NFL squad. The NFL is believed to have contributed about £10m so far to Spurs' stadium project. Tomorrow will be an emotional day for anyone with links to Tottenham and Levy is likely to be at the heart of things for a long time to come. He added: "It has been an immense journey and one that is far from over. Right now, it's a great time to be a Tottenham fan

to come. He added: "It has been an immense journey and one that is far from over. Right now, it's a great time to be a Spurs fan." EVENING STANDARD

CRYSTAL PALACE V HULL CITY

Palace's inevitable decline gives new hope for Silva

By Ed Malyon

By the time Hull City kick off at Crystal Palace tomorrow lunchtime, they will know what they need to do.

Swansea City play Sunderland as part of a weekend when four of the bottom five come face-to-face, with the Black Cats the only one of those four teams with nothing to play for.

A win for Swansea piles the pressure on Hull. It even piles it on Palace, who should be safe and have felt safe for weeks now, only to relapse, their relegation battle DNA simply too dominant to overcome.

"The pressure lies on Hull," says Palace manager Sam Allardyce, trying a new angle in pursuit of a reaction from his team. "They have to win the game, we have to draw it," he added. A truth, but a dangerous one for Palace.

Three defeats in a row have brought Palace to the point where nails will be gnawed to the bone, even though a draw would be good enough to ensure another year of top-flight football. Inescapably, tomorrow promises to be a nervy affair, faced with an opponent so resurgent and desperate.

"We won't change anything," insisted Hull manager Marco Silva, whose side lost to already-relegated Sunderland last week to complicate their survival chances.

"We need to win the game and will work hard to do that. Now it's a fight between the three clubs. When we were out of the bottom



Sam Allardyce insisted Palace 'only need to draw' against Hull

three I always said to you that it would not be decided until the end.

"But until the end we will fight. Three or four weeks ago everybody thought it was between ourselves, Middlesbrough and Swansea and nobody put Crystal Palace in the fight."

"Now, of course they're in a better position than us, but they need to do something to (make themselves) safe. We have two finals now and the first is on Sunday and we will play it like a final and will continue to believe."

For Hull it is belief and desperation which fuel them. For Allardyce and Palace, defensive solidity must be the order of the day. THE INDEPENDENT

SWANSEA V SUNDERLAND

Moyes frustrated by Defoe's relegation release clause

By Damien Spellman

Sunderland manager David Moyes has insisted he would never have allowed striker Jermain Defoe to have the clause in his contract which means he can leave for free in the wake of relegation.

The 34-year-old striker, who could play his final home game against Swansea City today, is currently assessing his options as the Black Cats prepare for life back in the Championship. Moyes is hoping he decides to remain on Wearside, with potential suitors already forming an orderly queue.

However, the Scot has admitted his surprise that the club agreed to the clause when they handed Defoe a contract extension in June last year.

Moyes said: "We hope Jermain stays. Everybody at the club wants him to stay, but it has to be Jermain's decision what he does."

"Yes, there's a clause in the con-

tract, which is hard to take, I think. I would hope that in my time, if I had been the manager, I wouldn't have allowed a clause like that to be in there. But it is, and obviously we have to honour the contract."

Defoe's 15 goals for the club this season have helped him win a return to the England squad, and he reminded manager Gareth Southgate of his enduring potency with a strike in a 2-0 World Cup qualifying victory over Lithuania in March.

With next summer's finals now back on the agenda, Moyes admits his hopes of retaining the striker's services could be slim.

Moyes's own continued presence at the Stadium of Light remains a topic for debate after initial talks with the club's owner, Ellis Short, were adjourned until the end of the season.

He said: "The initial discussions went fine. I put in the plans of what I think it should be like and where it needs to go, and I'll meet Ellis at the end of the season and discuss it."

PREMIER LEAGUE

Barkley keeps himself in shop window with winner

EVERTON
Barkley 56

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WATFORD

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By Ian Whittell
AT GOODISON PARK

Ross Barkley offered Everton supporters a glimpse of the talent their team may be without next season as he scored the decisive goal and his team brought down the curtain on an impressive campaign at Goodison Park.

The midfielder (below) gathered Phil Jagielka's through-ball and, with Watford offering him room to advance, carried the ball to 25 yards from goal before delivering a drive into the left-hand corner.

The evening had started with Everton's winger Kevin Mirallas signing a new, three-year contract – an announcement that provided some relief for supporters who have seen the futures of Barkley and Romelu Lukaku come under close scrutiny in recent months.

Just 24 hours before the fixture, Everton manager Ronald Koeman had handed England international Barkley what amounted to an ultimatum, declaring the club would sell the 23-year-old if he did not agree to a new contract by the end of the season.

Barkley could not be said to have let the increased speculation effect his performance. After just five minutes, he exchanged passes with Idrissa Gueye before drawing a fine block from Heurelho Gomes.

As the half wore on, Everton seemed to run out of steam, with Lukaku a virtual spectator. Indeed, considering Everton were seeking a win that would make this their best home league season for 27 years, Watford gave as good as they got.

Daryl Janmaat, Troy Deeney and Stefano Okaka went close before Abdoulaye Doucoure's shot was well smothered by Joel Robles and Adrian Mariappa sent a set-piece header flying just over.

EnnerValencia's fierce drive might have been rewarded when Mariappa sliced a clearance wide, while Ashley Williams was required to make an important challenge on Okaka before, Robles was forced into his first meaningful save, diving to keep out Okaka's strike.

Everton (4-3-3): Robles; Holgate (Valencia, h-t), Jagielka, Williams, Baines; Gueye, Schneiderlin, Davies; Barkley (Barry, 80), Lukaku, Mirallas (Koné, 86). Watford (3-5-2): Gomes; Mariappa, Prod, Kabasele (Zuniga, 37), Janmaat, Behrami (Amrabat, 71), Doucoure, Capoue (Niang, 81), Holebas; Okaka, Deeney.
Booked: Watford Behrami, Janmaat, Holebas.
Man of the match Barkley. Match rating 6/10.
Possession: Everton 63% Watford 37%.
Attempts on target: Everton 5 Watford 2.
Referee K Friend (Leics & Rutland). Att 38,550.



PREMIER LEAGUE

Batshuayi's late arrival delivers title for Chelsea

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

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CHELSEA
Batshuayi 82

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By Miguel Delaney
AT THE HAWTHORNS

After a season that has so often seen Antonio Conte turn negatives into positives, the title itself was won by one more moment of inspiration; one more brave decision.

Michy Batshuayi has barely got a look-in for Chelsea this season, and the manager has often expressed frustration in his development, but it was Conte's faith in the 23-year-old that broke the deadlock at the Hawthorns and ensured the Belgian will be front of centre of every image of celebration.

The Italian took a gamble by bringing on Batshuayi in the 76th minute of what had been a trying deadlock with West Brom, and the striker then took the gamble of a run to score. His effort won the game, and won the title.

It is the sixth of Chelsea's history, the fourth of Conte's career, and his first in England in what has been his debut season.

The wonder was whether West Brom were going to be mere witnesses to a procession, or proper participants in a battle that was going to make Chelsea have to do that bit more to earn this title. That was because, since claiming 40 points on 25 Feb-



ruary, their record from the next nine games read: five points, six defeats, seven games where they failed to score... but with four of those points and three of those goals coming in two games against Arsenal and Manchester United. The big sides still get a response out of Tony Pulis's sides.

That was signalled as early as the opening minute of the game, when Salomon Rondon finished off a sweeping attack with thrusting header. There was similar aggression and energy to every West Brom challenge, leaving many Chelsea players – and especial-



ly Eden Hazard – on their back. Sam Field was soon booked for one scything tackle from behind on Pedro, that left the winger in a heap, and the young West Brom lad somewhat brazenly protesting his innocence.

Chelsea were indeed being made to work, and fight, and really eke out their chances.

The West Brom supporters did ironically celebrate when a decision went their way on 40 minutes, but

they might well have been fortunate that referee Michael Oliver didn't point to the spot when the ball appeared to strike Chris Brunt's arm earlier in the game.

They weren't fortunate to be level,

Sam Field was booked for a scything tackle from behind then brazenly protested his innocence

though, given they had so limited to Chelsea to scrapping for chances and long shots.

The spectacularly on-form Cesc Fabregas (*inset*) was finding space where others couldn't, and flashed one 33rd-minute effort wide. It was the closest they'd come in the first half.

Victor Moses went even closer at the start of the second half, bringing a fine low save from Ben Foster as he

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Michy Batshuayi scores the goal to clinch the Premier League title for Chelsea AP/GETTY

West Bromwich



Chelsea

Substitutions: West Bromwich Albion Yacob (Field, 51), Chadli (McClean, 59), Wilson (McAuley, 64), Chelsea Willian (Hazard, 75), Batshuayi (Pedro, 76), Zouma (Moses, 86). **Booked:** West Bromwich Albion McClean, Field, Wilson. **Man of the match:** Fabregas. **Match rating:** 6/10. **Possession:** West Bromwich Albion 32% Chelsea 68%. **Attempts on target:** West Bromwich 2 Chelsea 5. **Referee:** M Oliver (Northumberland). **Attendance:** 25,367.

ball away. That chance inevitably came from an inspired Fabregas floated ball, and he was the Chelsea player most probing, most likely to produce something that opened West Brom.

It said a lot for how much West Brom were frustrating Conte's side that when Diego Costa got the ball in the box on the hour, and looked set to turn, he rather easily went down. That was how difficult Pulis's well-drilled defence were making it.

They were not going to willingly be anyone's patsy.

Conte realised something big needed to change, so made a big decision: he took off Chelsea's most vibrant attacking player this season, removing Hazard for Willian, and introduced Batshuayi for Pedro.

It had a big effect, an inspired effect. On 84 minutes, just when West Brom seemed to be getting comfortable in their ability to keep Chelsea out, Batshuayi finally stood out.

Cesar Azpilicueta got behind the backline to square, and the Belgian got the goal that he and his club had been waiting for. THE INDEPENDENT

LIVERPOOL

'Coutinho will stay at club that made him'

By Mark Critchley

Jürgen Klopp is confident that Philippe Coutinho will stay with Liverpool beyond the summer as the Brazilian playmaker knows the club made him the player that he is today.

Since arriving as a 20-year-old for just £8.5m in 2013, Coutinho (right) has improved year-on-year and blossomed into one of Europe's most coveted creative players.

Barcelona are believed to be interested in acquiring the Brazilian international and, despite the player committing himself to a new five-year Liverpool contract in January, reports suggesting he could leave Anfield this summer persist.

Klopp, however, believes that Coutinho's development since joining from Internazionale has been so substantial that the player is convinced he is in "the right place".

"He became this player at Liverpool," Klopp said ahead of his side's trip to West Ham United tomorrow. "He really likes being here, it's not like someone has to force him. His family like it too."

"Philippe, we all know how strong he can be. Can we work on different things? Yes of course."

"That would make us stronger for sure, having this creativity in the middle of the park."

Earlier this week, one Spanish newspaper claimed Coutinho had already held talks with Barcelona over a £76m transfer, but Klopp is paying little attention to such reports.

"Before he signed the new contract there were rumours, after he signed the contract there were rumours. What can you do to stop the rumours? I have no idea. That is the situation."

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Mason grateful for advice from Cech

Hull midfielder Ryan Mason has revealed how Petr Cech served as an inspiration during the slow and painful process of recovering from the fractured skull he sustained at Stamford Bridge in January. Cech suffered a similar injury in 2006. Mason said: "Petr... told me what to expect, to not to worry about certain things, mentally and psychologically, and that was great for me."

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GOLF

Willett drops out of Players with injury

Danny Willett admitted his body and mind need a rest after his disappointing season continued with a withdrawal from the Players Championship due to a back injury. Willett (below) was 11 over par for the so-called "fifth major" when he retired after nine holes of the second round.

Willett wrote on Twitter: "Not good to have to withdraw but swinging very poorly is putting a lot of unwanted strain on the back... body and mind need a rest!!"



BOXING

Fury doping hearing postponed

The UK Anti Doping hearing involving Tyson Fury (right) has been postponed, threatening the former world heavyweight champion's plans to return to action on 8 July. UKAD took its decision because of a potential conflict of interest involving a member of its panel. The hearing, which was expected to conclude this week, was due to rule on allegations Fury and his cousin and fellow heavyweight Hughie Fury tested positively for nandrolone in 2015.



CYCLING

Thomas stays in hunt for Giro title

Caleb Ewan held off the challenge of Fernando Gaviria to win stage seven of the Giro d'Italia, as Geraint Thomas stayed six seconds behind overall race leader Bob Jungels. Gaviria was closely followed by Ireland's Sam Bennett. Thomas retained second behind Jungels after the 224km ride to Alberobello - with fellow Briton Adam Yates third.

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United fans furious at Europa final ticket allocation

By Ben Burrows

Thousands of Manchester United fans are facing disappointment with Uefa expected to confirm an allocation of as few as 8,000 tickets for the Europa League final in Stockholm.

United survived an almighty scare against Celta Vigo to eventually secure their passage through to the final against Ajax on 24 May with Marouane Fellaini's first-half goal ultimately proving crucial. But celebrations will be short-lived for many supporters with Uefa expected to hand over a maximum of 10,000 tickets to the two teams despite the Friends Arena having a capacity of more than 50,000.

A further 17,000 have been allocated to neutral fans and United supporters have been left furious as they scramble to try and secure one of the few available tickets.

"It's a massive kick in the teeth for a lot of people," Duncan Drasdo, the

chief executive of the Manchester United Supporters' Trust, told the *Manchester Evening News*.

"I've already spoken to loads of fans who are really disappointed; 8,000 in a 50,000-seater stadium is just ridiculous. I think Uefa are scared of having empty seats so try and sell them early.

"But then if two big clubs get through they are left with a situation where there they have nowhere near enough. Lots will travel without

tickets. And tickets will end up in the hands of all sorts of people and on the black market when it should be those loyal fans who have followed the club all over Europe who should be in the stadium.

"There's now talk of Uefa wanting to increase segregation inside the stadium but if they are concerned about security, they are going about it the wrong way." THE INDEPENDENT

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